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The Pocket Pikachu (Pedometer)

I bought last year hasnt counted

1 million steps yet...

Welcome to my super-lazy life.

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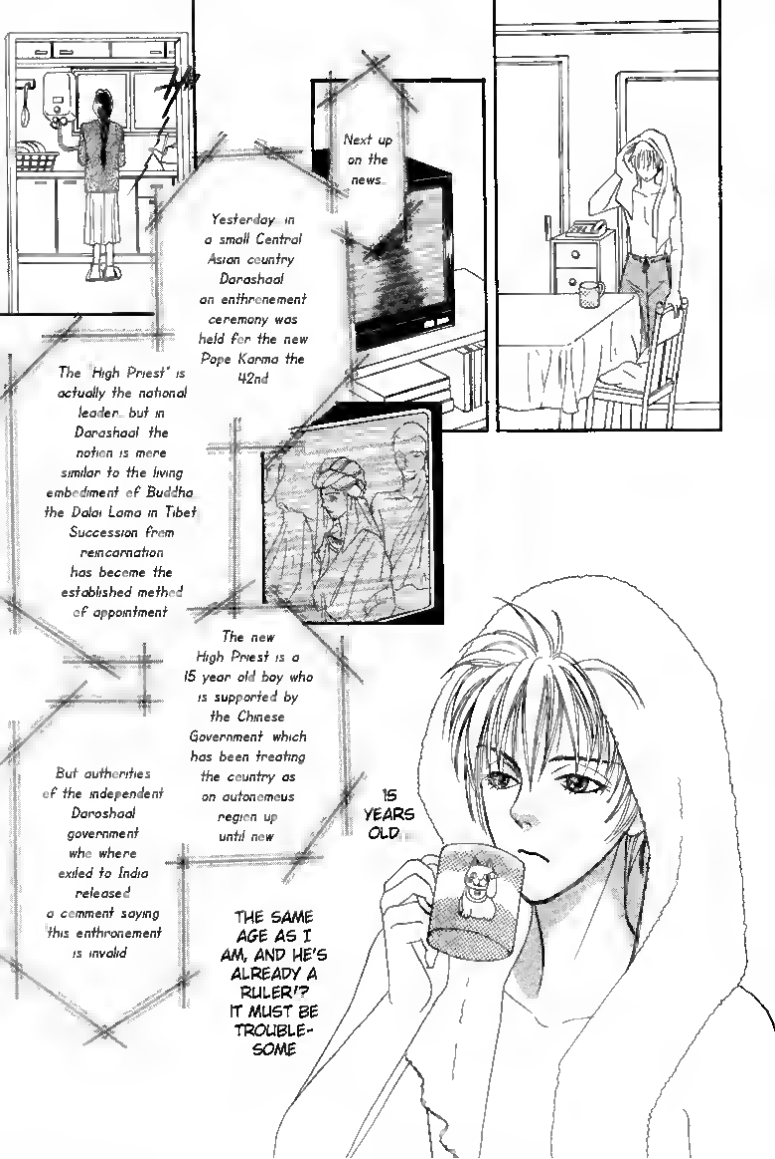
Talons of the Garuda

THE HIGH
AZURE BLUE... SKY
WHERE BIRDS
GLIDE ABOUT GRACE-FULLY
THAT'S WHERE I WILL RETURN

Kill

Uh
AAA
AAA
AA

HA
ハッ
IT'S THAT "DREAM" AGAIN
I'VE HAD THAT SAME DREAM COUNTLESS TIMES SINCE I WAS A CHILD---
FULITO? ARE YOU AWAKE?
FULITO?
AH.. YEAH 'MORNING MOM


Next up on the news...
Yesterday in a small Central Asian country Darashaal an enthronement ceremony was held for the new Pope Karma the 42nd
The 'High Priest' is actually the national leader... but in Darashaal the notion is mere similar to the living embodiment of Buddha the Dalai Lama in Tibet Succession from reincarnation has become the established method of appointment
The new High Priest is a 15 year old boy who is supported by the Chinese Government which has been treating the country as an autonomous region up until now
But authorities of the independent Darashaal government who where exiled to India released a comment saying this enthronement is invalid
15 YEARS OLD...
THE SAME AGE AS I AM, AND HE'S ALREADY A RULER!? IT MUST BE TROUBLE-SOME

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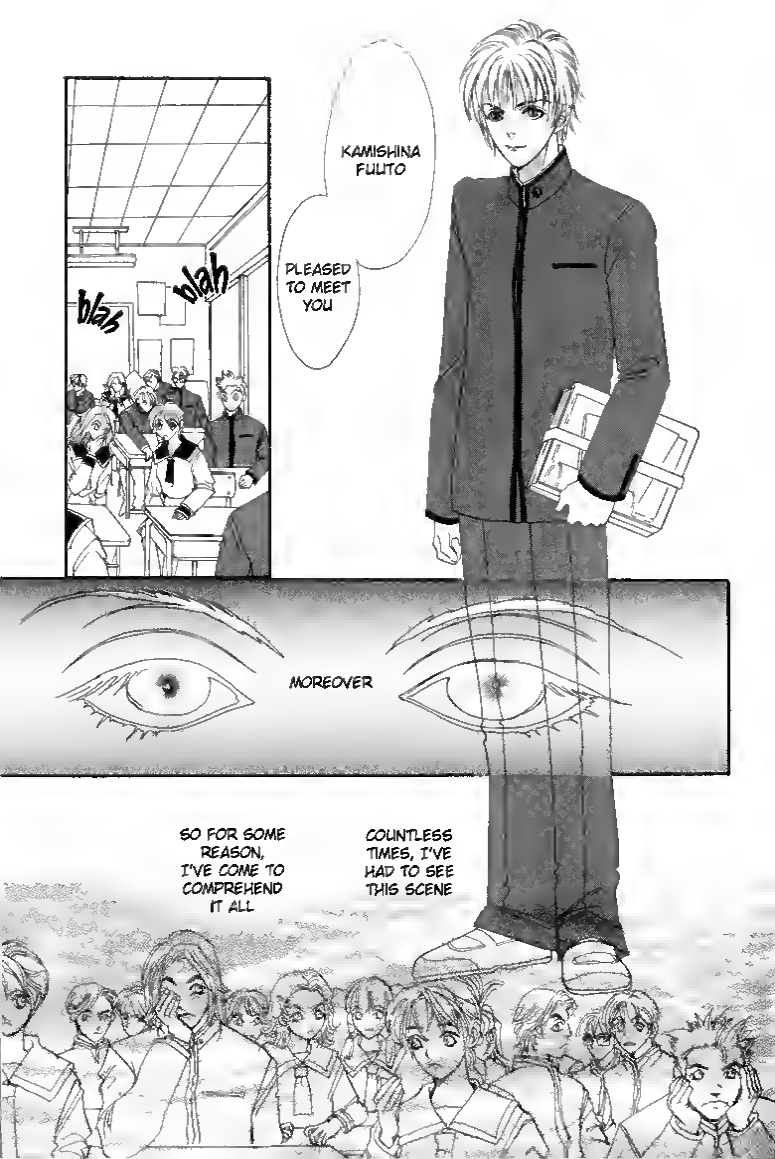
DO YOU WANT ME TO GO WITH YOU?
FULITO
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN GET TO SCHOOL ALONE?
DON'T YOU HAVE MORE THINGS TO UNPACK AND ARRANGE?
AWWW GEEZ, MOM, I'M NOT IN KINDER-GARTEN ANYMORE
GETTING THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS RIGHT ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AS A TRANSFER STUDENT
ANYHOW, THE PROBLEM IS
ANYWAY
SO I'M ALREADY USED TO IT
THIS IS THE 12TH TIME I'VE HAD TO TRANSFER SCHOOLS


KAMISHINA FULITO
PLEASED TO MEET YOU
blah
blah
MOREOVER
COUNTLESS TIMES, I'VE HAD TO SEE THIS SCENE
SO FOR SOME REASON, I'VE COME TO COMPREHEND IT ALL

A PERSON WHO KEEPS THE BALANCE OF POWER?
THE "KI" WHICH FLOWS THROUGH PEOPLE
WHO THE LEADER IS...
WHO'S THE PROBLEM CHILD OR THE MOODMAKER, FOR INSTANCE
I'VE COME TO RECOGNIZE THAT AT A GLANCE
I'LL JUST BE AS FAULTLESS AS I CAN BE SO I DON'T GET CAUGHT UP IN TROUBLE AND STAND OUT OR GET FORCED OUT
BUT AT LEAST I'LL BE IN THIS CLASS FOR A FEW MONTHS
SURE
WHY DON'T YOU SIT IN THE SEAT AT THE BACK

"KAMI-SHINA" IS A PRETTY ODD SURNAME, DON'T YOU THINK?
I GUESS
WHAT CLUBS WERE YOU IN?
WAS YOUR LAST SCHOOL CO-ED OR AN ALL BOYS SCHOOL?
NEE NEE KAMISHINA -KUN ♡
AAH.. BUT... HASN'T HE BEEN MISSING IN THE HIMALAYAS FOR 3 YEARS NOW..
EE~EH REALLY!?
AAH HE'S MY FATHER
ANYHOW, ISN'T THERE A FAMOUS CAMERAMAN NAMED "KAMISHINA"?
YEAH
BUT IT HASN'T BEEN CONFIRMED IF HE'S DEAD OR NOT
NO PROBLEM
S-SORRY.. I...
.....

D'YOU WANT US TO GIVE YOU A TOUR OF THE SCHOOL DURING LUNCH?
AH HEY, UMM
WHY DON'T WE EAT LUNCH TOGETHER, TOO?
HMM
UMM... THANKS ANYWAY
BUT TODAY I HAVE TO GO TO THE TEACHERS' OFFICE TO COLLECT THE NEW STUDY MATERIALS
AWW
THEN SEE YA' TOMO-RROW
Ring Ring
LOOKS LIKE I STAND OUT IF I'M FAULTLESS
HA~AH OH WELL

FWSH
WHAT THE ? SUCH A HUGE BIRD
flap flap flap
G-GEEH IT'S COMING THIS WAY!?
UWA WA
G-GO AWAY!
STOP IT!

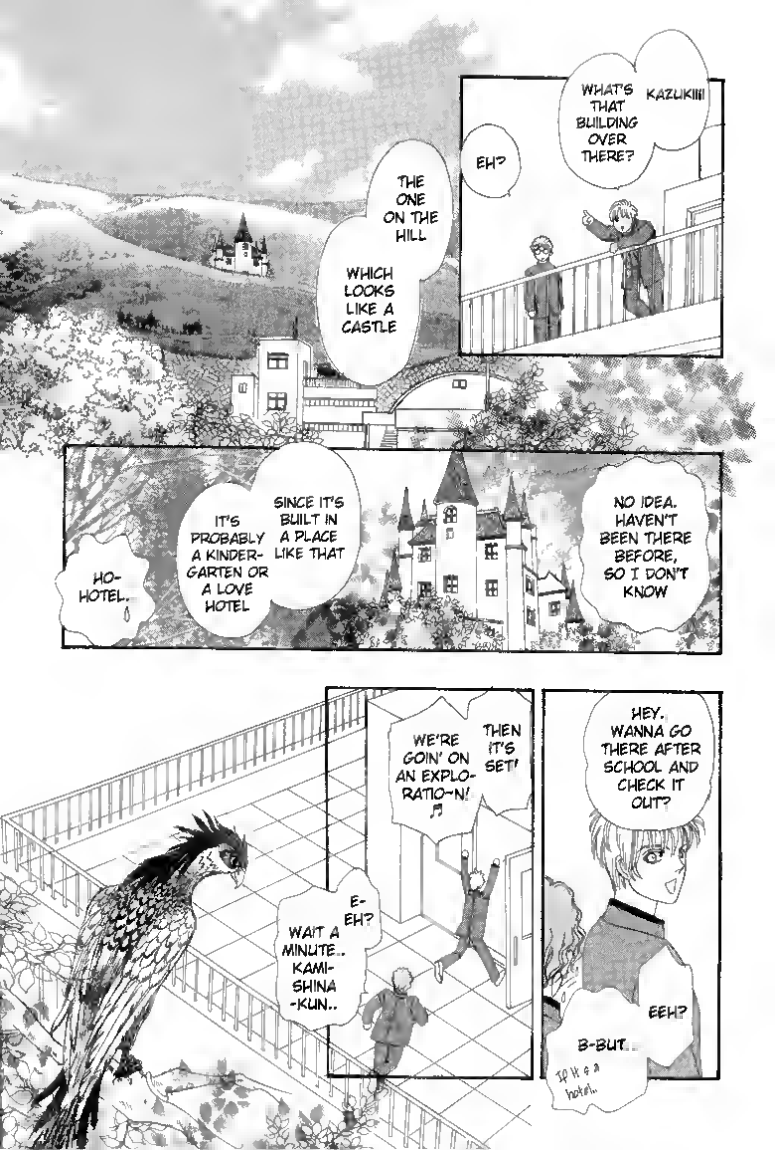
BACK OFF!
SHOO!
.....!!
OR ELSE I'LL..
A-ARE YOU OKAY?
THANKS.. AH..
HA.. HAHA
WELL, I DON'T CARE IF IT'S PRETTY OR SMALL
I . SINCE I WAS A CHILD, HAVE ALWAYS HATED BIRDS
THOUGH, IT'S FEATHERS WERE PRETTY..
THAT WAS ONE HECK OF A LARGE BIRD

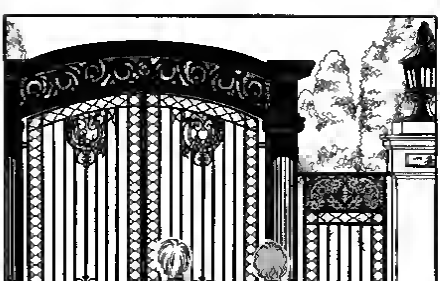
SEE YA.
NEVER-MIND, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW
W-WAIT!
. AH
I'M ALSO SQUEAMISH AROUND REPTILES AND SLIMY THINGS.
HMM
Y-Y'KNOW
ALLERGY TO FEA-THERS
Better not look like a wimp

IT'S SATOU KAZUKI.
SATOU
YUP. YOU MUST BE FROM MY CLASS. AND YOU ARE.
MY NAME IS
KA KAMISHINA -KUN, RIGHT? YOU JUST TRANSFERRED HERE TODAY

GRIP
PLEA~SE, KAZUKI~ ♡
HEY, YOU WANNA SHOW ME AROUND THIS PLACE?
BUT.
EH? ME.?

SURE


WHAT'S THAT BUILDING OVER THERE?
KAZUKI!!!
EH?
THE ONE ON THE HILL
WHICH LOOKS LIKE A CASTLE
NO IDEA. HAVEN'T BEEN THERE BEFORE, SO I DON'T KNOW
SINCE IT'S BUILT IN A PLACE LIKE THAT
IT'S PROBABLY A KINDER-GARTEN OR A LOVE HOTEL
HO-HOTEL..
HEY. WANNA GO THERE AFTER SCHOOL AND CHECK IT OUT?
EEH?
B-BUT..
If it's a hotel...
THEN IT'S SET!
WE'RE GOIN' ON AN EXPLO-RATIO~N! ♫
E-EH?
WAIT A MINUTE.. KAMI-SHINA -KUN..



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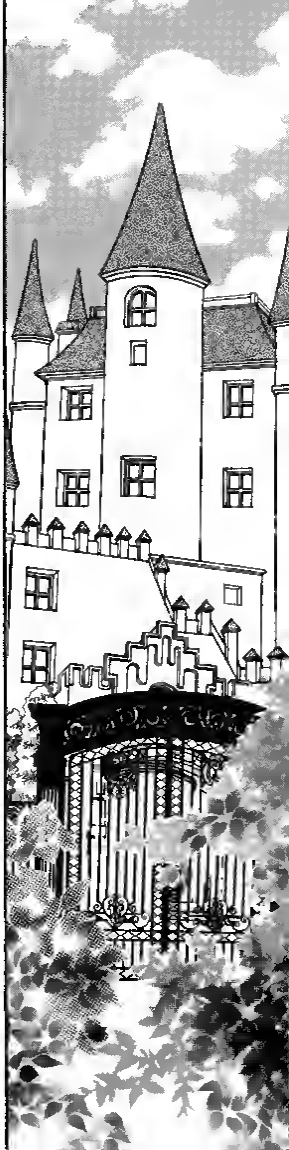
GUESS IT'S NOT A KINDER-GARTEN OR A HOTEL
BUT IF THIS IS SOMEONE'S HOME, THE OWNER SURE HAS A BAD SENSE OF STYLE

SSH!
A VOICE
I CAN HEAR SOMEONE SINGING.
THIS WAY
WAIT UP KAMISHINA -KU~~N



THIS SONG
I DON'T KNOW THE LYRICS
BUT IT FEELS LIKE I'VE HEARD IT BEFORE

KAMISHINA-KUN, WHAT'S WRONG?
EH?
WHY!?
EH!?
WHY AM I.. HUH!?
DID SOMETHING GET IN YOUR EYE!?
WHO'S THERE!!

!
I GUESS WE'RE INTRUDERS..
Fssh
SO- SORRY
!!
THAT UNIFORM. YOU'RE FROM MEIOU-GAKUEN
(SCHOOL NAME)
..AAH.. I SEE...
SONG?
UMM
WE HEARD A SINGING VOICE.. WE WERE DRAWN IN BY IT..

SINCE YOU'RE HERE, WHY DON'T WE GO TO THE HALL ENTRANCE
AND HAVE SOME TEA
hoooooooo...
THEN PLEASE COME AGAIN TOMOR-ROW
OH, AND USE THE GATE NEXT TIME
S-SURE
AA~~ SCARY
BUT HE'S QUITE A NICE GUY
AND THAT GIRL WAS CUTE, TOO
YESH!
The girls in class look like potatoes in comparison to her

'MOR-
NING
KAMI-
SHINA
-KUUN
HEY
HEY
(HEY)
OSSU!
KAZUKI!
WHA..
WHAT
HAPP-
ENED!?
THAT
FACE..
.....

Wiu
HEY SATOU
DID YOU BRING THE STUFF?
KAZUKI !?
MM.
JUST DON'T
WH-... WHY?
EH?
IT'S BEST NOT TO HANG AROUND WITH SATOU-KUN TOO MUCH
KAMI-SHINA -KUN
THAT'S RIGHT
IT'S PRETTY COMMON
IN ANY SCHOOL YOU GO TO, THIS KIND OF THING HAPPENS

WON'T DO ANY GOOD GOING ALONE
DAMMIT.
HA
flap
IT'S BACK!?
flap flap flap
ku ku ku ku
I'M DONE FOR
SHIT
GET AWAY FROM ME!!

HIGH PRIEST
HIGH PRIEST
YOU HAVE BEEN CALLED BACK

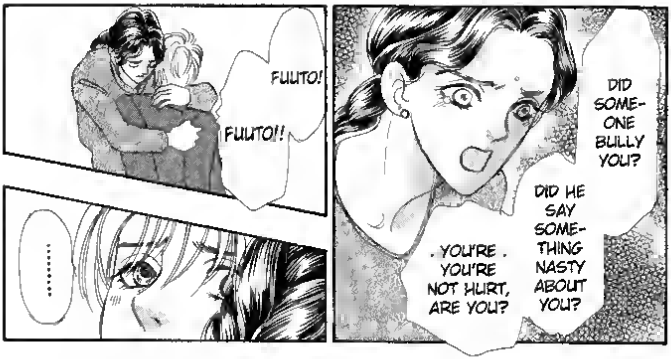
VERILY, IT IS YOU WHO ARE THE 42ND HIGH PREIST OF DARA-SHAAL
HEEH!
AND I AM YOUR HUMBLE GUARDIAN BEAST
WHA-!?
WHO THE HELL IS HE
A MYSTERY MAN FROM AN ARMY CORPS SHOW!?

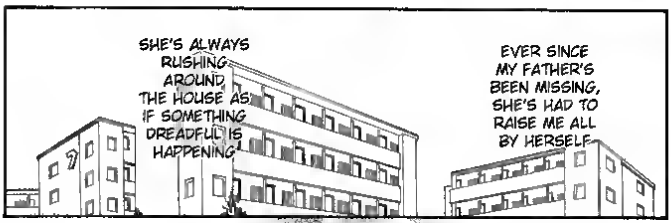
HIGH PRIEST
STOP IT!!
GET AWAY FROM ME!
KAMI-SHINA -KUN!?
WHAT'S WRONG?
AH! CALL A TEACHER!
NO.. CALL THE POLICE!
POLICE!?
THERE'S A STRANGE GUY--
EH!?
ISN'T THAT A BIT MUCH
IT'S JUST A BIRD

IS IT PHEASANT?
PROBABLY SOMEONE'S LOST PET
N-NO WAY BUT...
KWU KU KU KU
EH?
THERE!
D'YOU HEAR THAT!? IT SPOKE!
HIGH PRIEST
!!
MY VOICE CAN'T BE HEARD BY OTHERS THAN YOURSELF
HIGH PRIEST
IT'S FUTILE
MY TRUE FORM
AND VOICE CAN ONLY BE PERCEIVED BY YOU
THAT IS CLEAR PROOF THAT YOU ARE THE HIGH PRIEST

I AM YOUR SERVANT
COMMAND ME AS YOU DESIRE
.....
NO WAY..
I MUST BE HEARING THINGS!
KAMISHINA-KUN
...VANISH...
VANISH!!
AS YOU WISH
fwsh

SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF A LOCAL SHERPA WHO TOOK CARE OF MY FATHER WHEN HE WAS TREKKING IN THE HIMALAYAS
IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT
BUT THEN MY MOTHER'S NOT JAPANESE
DARASHAAL!? THE ONE IN THE NEWS YESTERDAY!?
THE 42ND HIGH PRIEST!?
THAT'S RIDICULOUS!
BUT... I'VE NEVER HEARD OF BEING RELATED TO SUCH A FAMOUS RELATIVE SUCH AS A HIGH PRIEST OR A PRINCE
WHEN MY FATHER CAME BACK TO JAPAN, HE BROUGHT HER ALONG TO BECOME HIS BRIDE
FULITO!?
HEY MOM!
tap
tap
WHAT IS IT!? DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AT SCHOOL!?
UMM...
TODAY, I...


FUUTO!
FUUTO!!
.....
DID SOME-ONE BULLY YOU?
DID HE SAY SOME-THING NASTY ABOUT YOU?
. YOU'RE . YOU'RE NOT HURT, ARE YOU?


SHE'S ALWAYS RUSHING AROUND THE HOUSE AS IF SOMETHING DREADFUL IS HAPPENING
EVER SINCE MY FATHER'S BEEN MISSING, SHE'S HAD TO RAISE ME ALL BY HERSELF

SURELY IT WAS
A HALLU-CINATION
FUUTO
I MUSN'T WORRY HER ANY MORE
NAH
IT'S NO-THING
NO-THING .
ARE YOU SURE?

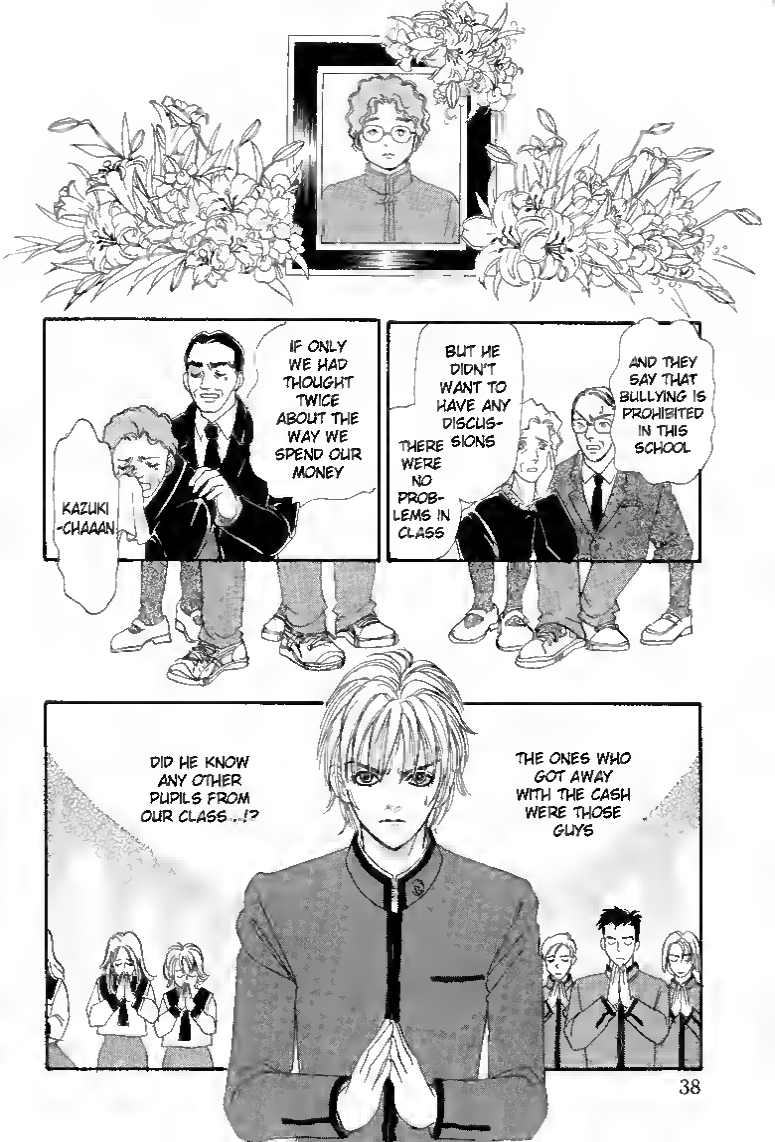
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THE DREAM AND THE NEWS I SAW YESTERDAY

IT'LL BE BACK TO NORMAL TOMORROW

IT MUST HAVE BEEN JUST AN ILLUSION

AND I'LL INVITE KAZUKI TO CHECK OUT THE CASTLE AGAIN

EH!?
SATOU -KUN IS DEAD!
AH! KAMISHINA -KUN!
IT'S SATOU -KUN
WHAT'S WITH ALL THE FUSS?
LAST NIGHT HE JUMPED OFF THE SCHOOL ROOFTOP
THEY SAY IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN PRE-EXAM NEUROSIS
SUI..CIDE
IMPOSSIBLE
BUT IT SEEMS HE ALSO SNUCK OUT OF THE HOUSE WITH ONE MILLION YEN
SOMEONE MUST HAVE BLACK-MAILED HIM
Wah
Wah
THE POLICE SAY HE WAS BEING BULLIED


IF ONLY WE HAD THOUGHT TWICE ABOUT THE WAY WE SPEND OUR MONEY
KAZUKI -CHAAAN
BUT HE DIDN'T WANT TO HAVE ANY DISCUS-SIONS
THERE WERE NO PROB-LEMS IN CLASS
AND THEY SAY THAT BULLYING IS PROHIBITED IN THIS SCHOOL
DID HE KNOW ANY OTHER PUPILS FROM OUR CLASS..!?
THE ONES WHO GOT AWAY WITH THE CASH WERE THOSE GUYS

EXCUSE ME, WERE YOU GOOD FRIENDS WITH SATOU-KUN?
COULD YOU TELL US A BIT ABOUT HIM?
I.. I'M..
..I JUST TRANSFERRED HERE, SO IT DOESN'T CONCERN ME
IF THEY WERE TO COMPLAIN
IT'D BE 'CUZ THEY WANTED TO GET INTERVIEWED
KAZUKI WAS A SCAPEGOAT
HIS ABSENCE WOULDN'T AFFECT THE CLASS BALANCE

I JUST TRANS-FERRED HERE, SO MY "KI" IS IN DISORDER
HIGH PRIEST
WHAT WORRIES YOU?
D-DAMN BIRD!!
TO FOLLOW ME THIS MUCH...

I AM YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANT
IF YOU WISH, I SHALL GET RID OF THE CAUSE OF YOUR GLOOM
WHAT ARE YOU GRIEVING OVER?
WHAT ANGERS YOU?
AS YOU WISH
NO. WHO KILLED KAZUKI., PUNISH THEM!
THE BASTARDS WHO BULLIED KAZUKI
..THEN SHOW ME WHAT YOU CAN DO

kuwaa
kaaaw
A HUGE FLOCK OF CROWS!?
WHAT THE!?
UWA
KYAAAA
WAAAAAA
kaaw
kaaw

FIRST, THOSE WHO DROVE THE SCAPEGOAT INTO A CORNER
Hiiii
ケムケムケム
THEN THOSE WHO WATCHED HIM DIE
OI! OI!
WAIT! YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO THAT FAR!

WHAT'S WRONG?
HIIII!
THE SELF-PROTECTING CLASS TEACHERS
HIS FAMILY WHO SAW HIS S.O.S SIGN
THE SELF-NTERESTED MASS MEDIA
..STOP!!
ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU WISHED FOR
THAT'S ENOUGH.. PLEASE.. STOP..

THIS IS THE HIGH PRIEST'S WILL
NO!! I..
I NEVER WANTED THIS TO HAPPEN
AND FINALLY
THE LAST SACRIFICE, THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS
HE DIDN'T SAY "NO"
HE GAVE UP ON THE FIGHT
AND CHOSE TO FLEE

HIS OWN
WEAK WILL
CAUSED
HIS DEMISE
STOOOOP!!

DAMN!
STOP IT!!
DON'T TOUCH KAZUKI!!
AGH!!
HE ISN'T THE BAD ONE
IT'S THEIR..
IT'S NOT HIS OTHER COLLEAGUES' FAULT EITHER
WHY DO YOU DEFEND THEM?
WHY DO YOU SPILL YOUR NOBLE BLOOD FOR THESE SINNERS?
SINNERS..?

I'M SORRY

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I...
I ONLY POSED AS A FRIEND
ONLY TO IMMEDIATELY ABANDON HIM WHEN TROUBLE AROSE
AND I TURNED MY EYES AWAY FROM THE TRUTH FOR MY OWN SAFETY
RATHER, I'M THE ONE WHO TURNED A BLIND EYE ON REALITY THE MOST

I DON'T QUITE UNDER-STAND THIS, BUT
HOW-EVER
IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO FORGIVE THEM OR NOT

FORGIVE?
THEN, ARE YOU GOING TO FORGIVE THOSE PEOPLE, TOO?

BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S THE ANSWER TO THIS
THERE SHOULD BE ANOTHER BETTER SUITED TO BE HIGH PRIEST OTHER THAN ME
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WISH
THEN LET'S GO BACK IN TIME, A BIT
AND RETURN THINGS AS THEY WERE

UUU..
HUH. ?
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO US.. ?
KAZUKI..

HEY! WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU BROUGHT KAZUKI BACK TO LIFE AS WELL?
KYUU
IT'S ALREADY TOO LATE
HIS SOUL IS ALREADY IN THE ENDLESS CYCLE OF REBIRTH
CYCLE OF.. REBIRTH?
. SO THAT MEANS SOME-DAY
HE'LL BE REBORN AS A DIFFE-RENT PERSON
AND WE JUST MIGHT MEET AGAIN .?
THAT IS CORRECT

AH, WELCOME
YOU'RE ALONE, TODAY?
COULD I.. LISTEN TO THAT SONG ONCE MORE?
..MM
ALRIGHT
THIS SONG
WHAT KIND OF SONG IS IT?
.. HMM I DON'T KNOW TOO WELL, BUT

THEY SAY IT'S A REQUIEM
A SONG FROM THE PAST, IN A DISTANT COUNTRY

Story 2

The Kingdom that May Wander

AND THAT'S WHY
YOU ARE DARASHAAL'S 42ND HIGH PRIEST
AND I DECLINE!
I DON'T HAVE ANY INTEREST IN IT
SPORTS MEN
THAT WILL NOT DO
YOU MUST RETURN TO YOUR HOMELAND AT ONCE
AND ATTEND THE ENTHRONE-MENT CEREMONY

I-I BEG YOUR PARDON
BUT BEING DARASHAAL'S HIGH PRIEST IS THE HOLIEST RANK IN THIS WORLD
AWW SHUT UP
IT CAN BE CALLED SANDAL OR DARUMASAN FOR ALL I CARE
BUT BEING THE KING OF SOME INSIGNIFICANT, PUNY COUNTRY WHICH ISN'T EVEN ON THE MAP ISN'T COOL AT ALL!!
GOT
TH...
THAT'S A BIT...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT IF I BECOME KING I'LL BE BATHING IN GOLD AND SILVER TREASURES, DINING ON THE FINEST DELICACIES AND PLAYING ALL DAY INSTEAD OF STUDYING!?
SO WHAT!?
GUP
DOES IT EVEN HAVE A GAME CENTER!? DO THEY SELL 'FAMITSULI'S!?
YOU'RE ACTUALLY... THE PROJECT OF SOME MYSTERY GUY FROM A DEVIOUS SECRET SOCIETY PLANNING TOTAL WORLD DOMINATION
AH
I KNOW!
FAMITSULI : POPULAR GAMING MAGAZINE IN JAPAN

HURRY UP, YOU BIRD-BRAIN!
COME ON! SHOW ME YOUR TRANSFOR-MATION POWERS!
AND IN REALITY, YOU CAN TRANSFORM INTO A FULL METAL BODY
HIGH PREIST.. NOT.. TOO.. HARD..
AND POWER UP INTO A GIANT ROBOT!?

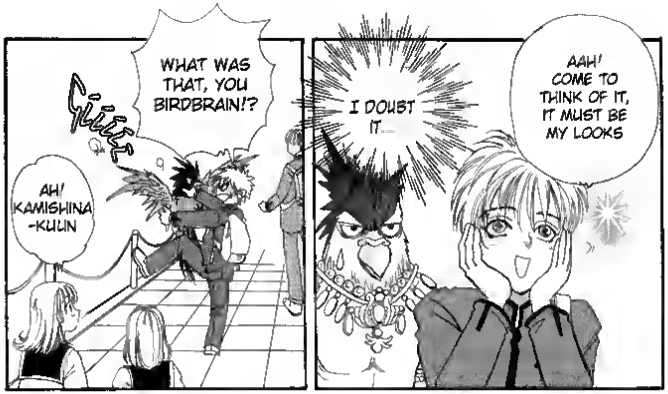
QUICK, HIDE!
DAMN, IT'S MOM!
HA
FULITO?
FULI -CHAN? IS ANYONE THERE?

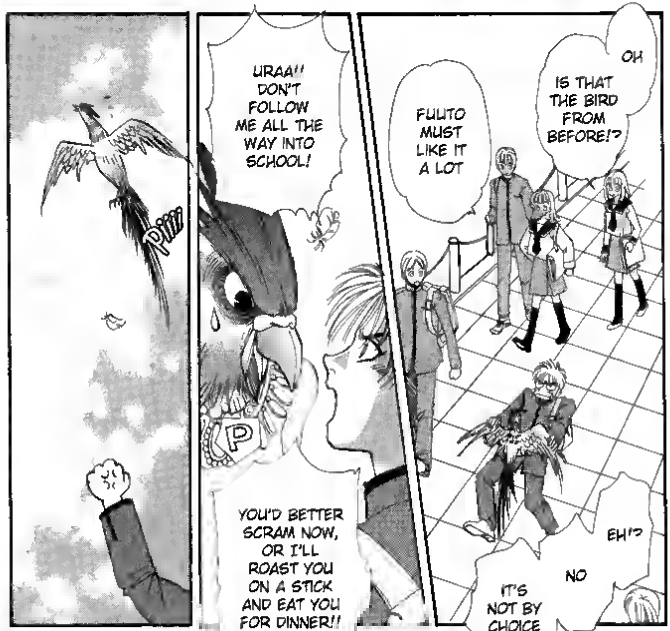
AH
YOU SEE
HE'S UMM..
GUP
Ya
GUP SPORTS
FUU-CHAN, HAVE YOU GOT A FRIEND OVER?
AH
OI
STOP
GUP
GUP SPORTS
SUCH A NOBLE MOTHER
IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET
tweet tweet tweet
I'M SURE A SMALL BIRD WHICH CAN FIT IN A CAGE WOULD BE BETTER IN AN APARTMENT LIKE OURS BUT...
EH!?
WHERE DID YOU GET SUCH A HUGE BIRD?
FUU-CHAN

HEY
WHAT'S GOING ON
WANNA EAT A LEAF?
BUT IT'S A PRETTY BIRDIE
SHE CAN'T SEE HIM!?
Squeak
GULP SPOT
I'VE TOLD YOU A MILLION TIMES OVER
WHY DOES MY MOTHER ONLY SEE YOU AS A BIRD?
IF I'M THE KING, WOULDN'T THAT MAKE MY MOM THE KING'S MOTHER?

BY CHANCE, YOUR MOTHER WAS THE ONLY ONE PREGNANT
WHEN A PAST HIGH PRIEST PASSES AWAY.. THAT IS TO SAY, WHEN HIS SOUL DEPARTS HIS PREVIOUS BODY, IT WILL SEEK A NEW VESSEL TO RESIDE IN
THE INHERITANCE OF THE THRONE IS NOT BLOOD-BOUND, BUT THROUGH "REINCARNATION"
WHO WAS AN ORDINARY WOMAN WITH NO RANK NOR NOBLE STATUS
SO WE SEARCHED THE WHOLE COUNTRY FOR BABIES BORN AT THE SAME TIME AS YOU
ONLY TO FIND THAT YOU WERE BORN IN THIS FAR EASTERN NATION
I EXTEND MY HUMBLEST APOLOGIES FOR TAKING 15 YEARS TO FINALLY INVITE YOU BACK TO THE THRONE
.....

THAT'S BECAUSE THE MEMORIES OF YOUR PREVIOUS EXISTANCE WAS ONLY PRESENT UNTIL YOUR BRAIN WAS CONSCIOUS
THAT INSTANT IS ALWAYS AFTER THE ELECTION PROCESS ENDS
SURELY I WOULD REMEMBER AT LEAST A BIT OF MY PREVIOUS EXISTENCE
BUT
I DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AT ALL
AND AS YEARS GO BY, NEW KNOWLEDGE IS PILED ON TOP OF THE OLD MEMORIES
HOWEVER, YOU ARE STILL CAPABLE OF SEEING MY TRUE FORM
AND WHAT'S MORE, YOU SHOULD HAVE A SPECIAL TALENT THAT COMMONERS DO NOT POSSESS
TALENT!?
Heeh
THERE CAN'T BE SUCH A THING!
BUT MY RECORDS, REFLEXES AND LIMITS ARE AVERAGE
AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY MUSICAL OR ARTISTIC SENSE
I DON'T HAVE... ANY SPECIALTY


WHAT WAS THAT, YOU BIRDBRAIN!?
GUUU
AH! KAMISHINA -KUUN
I DOUBT IT...
AAH! COME TO THINK OF IT, IT MUST BE MY LOOKS


URAA!! DON'T FOLLOW ME ALL THE WAY INTO SCHOOL!
FUUTO MUST LIKE IT A LOT
OH IS THAT THE BIRD FROM BEFORE!?
DIIII
YOU'D BETTER SCRAM NOW, OR I'LL ROAST YOU ON A STICK AND EAT YOU FOR DINNER!!
EH!?
NO
IT'S NOT BY CHOICE

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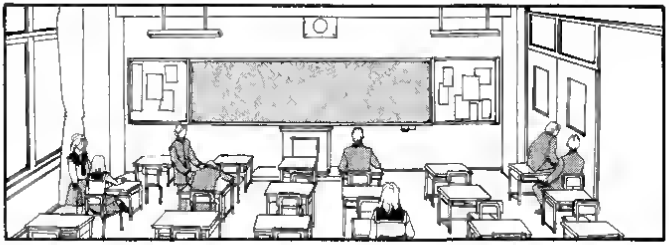
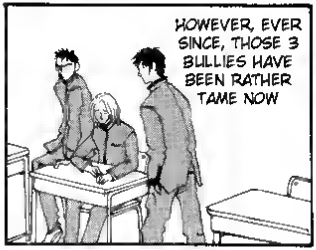
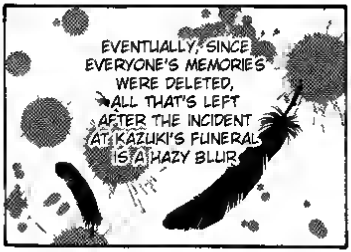






KAMISHINA -KUN, WE'RE GOING TO THE ARTROOM NEXT
OK!
Ring Ring
THE FLOW OF "KI" IN THE CLASS HAS ALSO CALMED DOWN
MY SURROUNDINGS HAVE ALSO BECOME MORE RELAXED

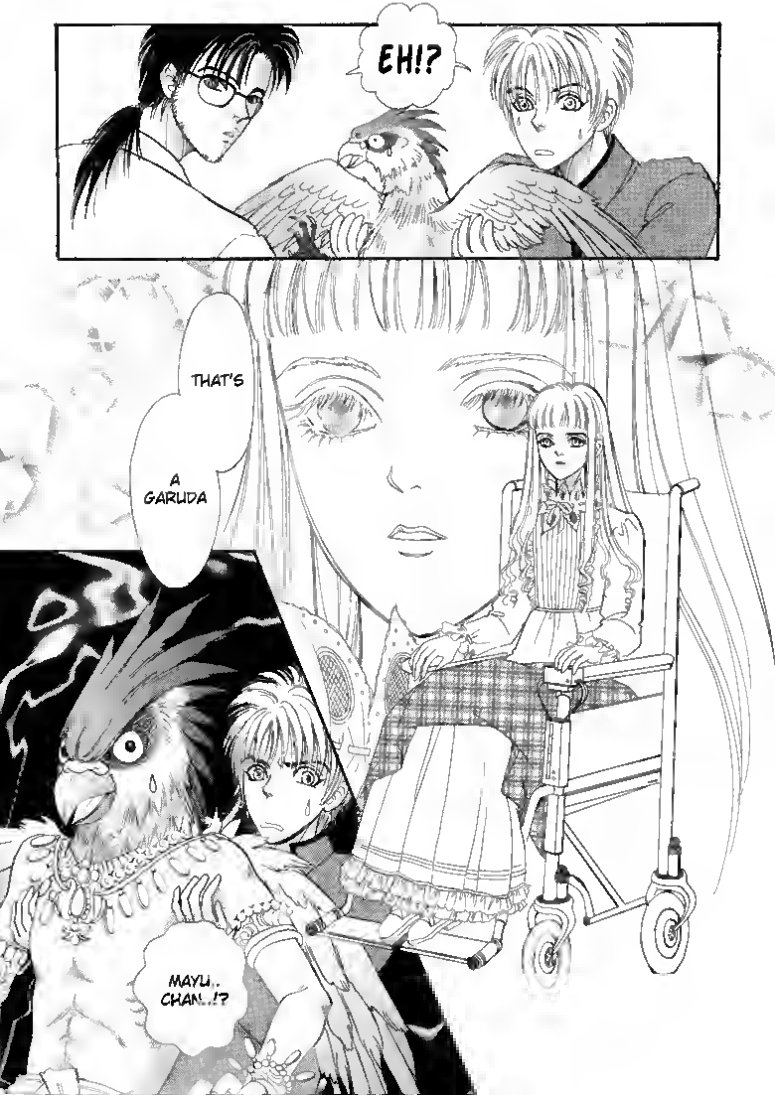
AAH TRANSFER STUDENT, IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE ART MATERIALS
YOU CAN TAKE ONE OF THE ITEMS LEFT BEHIND BY PAST GRADUATES AND USE IT AS YOU PLEASE
SURE
WHAT'S WRONG? KAMISHINA -KUN
..EH
N..NO
WHO WAS THE OWNER OF THIS EASEL?

OGATA?
YEAH THE ONE THAT WENT ABSENT IN THE SECOND SEMESTER LAST YEAR
OOH IT'S THAT OGATA SENPAI'S
KYOKO ♥ OGATA
EH?
3-C'S KYOUKO O..GATA
EE-EH! THAT LOLICON!?
MAYBE SHE ELOPED
MAYBE SHE TOOK OFF WITH THAT YAKUZA-LIKE RIEMANN GUY SHE'S BEEN DATING
WHEN SUMMER HOLIDAYS STARTED, SHE WENT MISSING
AAH! THAT FLASHY GIRL WITH DYED HAIR!
HM? ANYWAY, WHY DO YOU ASK?
..EH? UMM
..HMM

JUST WONDE-RING.

AND HOW COME YOU KNOW ABOUT ICHIJOU -SENSEI!?
!!
DON'T SURPRISE ME LIKE THAT!
FULITO -KUN'S TALKING TO THAT BIRD, AGAIN
ARE YOU GOING TO THAT CASTLE AGAIN TODAY?
UWA!
YEAH, RIGHT! YOU'RE A STALKER!!
IT IS MY DUTY AS YOUR SERVANT TO STAY BY YOUR SIDE
HOH-HO~N IT'S MAYU-'CHAN' NOW, IS IT?
ACTUALLY, I'M ALSO INTERESTED IN THAT GIRL'S SONG
ANYWAY, AS YOUR MASTER
I ORDER YOU TO GO HOME!
OH, YOU MEAN MAYU-CHAN
GIRL?
OH, COME ON

I THOUGHT YOU'D BE COMING AROUND THIS TIME
HEYA FUUTO -KUN
AH! ICHIJOU SENSEI
Giii Giiiii
BAST-AARD!!
I'LL TURN YOU INTO FRIED CHICKEN!!
BUT IT'S GOT SUCH A LONG TAIL
OR A HIMA-LAYAN MONAL PHEA-SANT!?
A GOLDEN PHEA-SANT!?
MUST BE A BIRD OF PARADISE
THOUGH IT'S ONLY FOUND IN SOUTH AFRICA
UM UMM ICHIJOU SENSEI
YOU ARE--
YOU
A GARUDA


EH!?
THAT'S A GARUDA
MAYU.. CHAN..!?

BY 'GARUDA' YOU MEAN
THE HALF-BIRD HALF-HUMAN BELIEVED BY THE HINDU AND BUDDHIST FAITH..!?
IT'S ORIGIN WAS FROM BEFORE THE PEAK TIME OF HINDUISM IN INDONESIA
THEN, IT MADE IT'S WAY INTO THE NORTHERN BUDDHIST AREAS SUCH AS TIBET, CHINA AND VIETNAM, AND FINALLY SPREAD THROUGH THE WHOLE OF ASIA
DUE TO THE VARIOUS VARIATIONS AND CROSS-MATING OF SPECIES, IT'S FORM HAS SLOWLY ALTERED OVER THE YEARS
EVEN IN JAPAN, THERE IS THE 'KARURA' (GARUDA) FROM THE TENRYUU HACHI BUSHUU (8 GODS WHO PROTECT BUDDHISM)
BUT.. YOU ARE..
VERY CLOSE TO THE ORIGINAL
CAN YOU.. SEE IT?
HIS FORM

DARA-SHAAL!?
AAH.. THAT SMALL NATION IN CENTRAL ASIA
YOU KNOW ABOUT IT!?
WELL..
FROM BIOLOGY, TO ASTRONOMY IN PHYSICS, OR EVEN WORLD ETHNOLOGY, (STUDY OF RACIAL CUSTOMS) I KNOW 'EM ALL
MY MOTTO IS THE 'WALKING KOUJIEN' (FAMOUS DICTIONARY)
DARASHAAL WAS A CENTRAL ASIAN LEGENDARY DESERT COUNTRY
WHICH APPEARED IN A GOD FORSAKEN BARREN WASTELAND
THE ANCIENT SILK ROAD CARAVANS MUST HAVE REGARDED IT AS AN OASIS NATION, AS THE STORY GOES

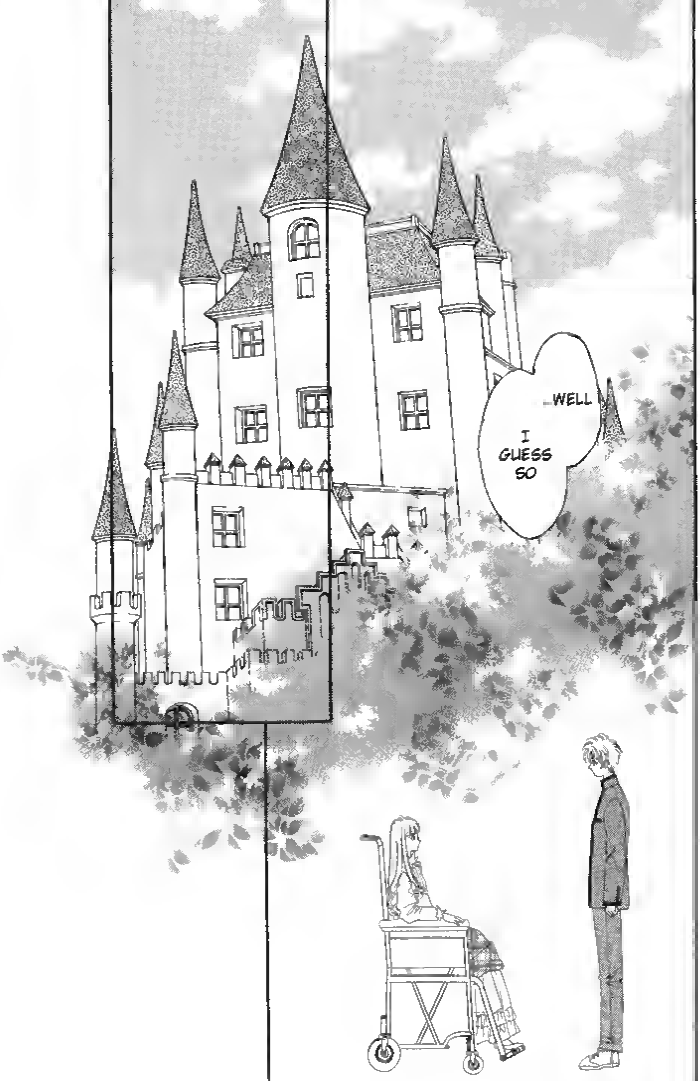
THAT HIGH PRIEST IS A FAKE!
EH!?
AAH!
THAT NEWS! 'FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 40 YEARS, A NEW HIGH PRIEST WILL RISE TO THE THRONE'
COME TO THINK OF IT, I'VE HEARD OF THAT NAME BEFORE, SOMEWHERE
Y..YOU CAN HEAR HIS WORDS..?
'THAT HIGH PRIEST IS A FAKE', YOU SAY..
SO HE'S 'AN IMPOSTOR SUPPORTED BY THE CHINESE GOVERN-MENT'
..THAT'S ALL I COULD HEAR FROM HIM
'THE TRUE HIGH PRIEST IS FULUTO', HE KEEPS SAYING.

HMM I SEE
MUST BE BECAUSE DARASHALL HAS ALWAYS HAD LAND DISPUTES WITH IT'S SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS CHINA, INDIA, PAKISTAN AND RUSSIA
THE HIGH PRIEST HAS ABSOLUTE CONTROL OVER THE RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE COUNTRY
IT'S VERY HANDY TO BE THE PUPPETMASTER BEHIND A HIGH PRIEST, A LIVING GOD WHO IS LOVED AND RESPECTED BY ALL, IN ORDER TO GAIN SUPPORT OF THE SCATTERED CITIZENS OF DARASHAAL
IT'S LIKE REVEALING THE FINAL TRUMP CARD, AS THEY SAY
JUST LIKE WHAT CHINA DID TO TIBET, MAKING IT AN AUTO-NOMOUS REGION
ANYWAY, I GET TO MEET THE REAL HIGH PRIEST
IYA-A I'M TOUCHED ♡
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT TALKING BIRDBRAIN MONSTERS, REINCARNATION AND LIVING BUDDHAS ALL EXIST!?
EVEN YOU, ICHIJOU SENSEI!?

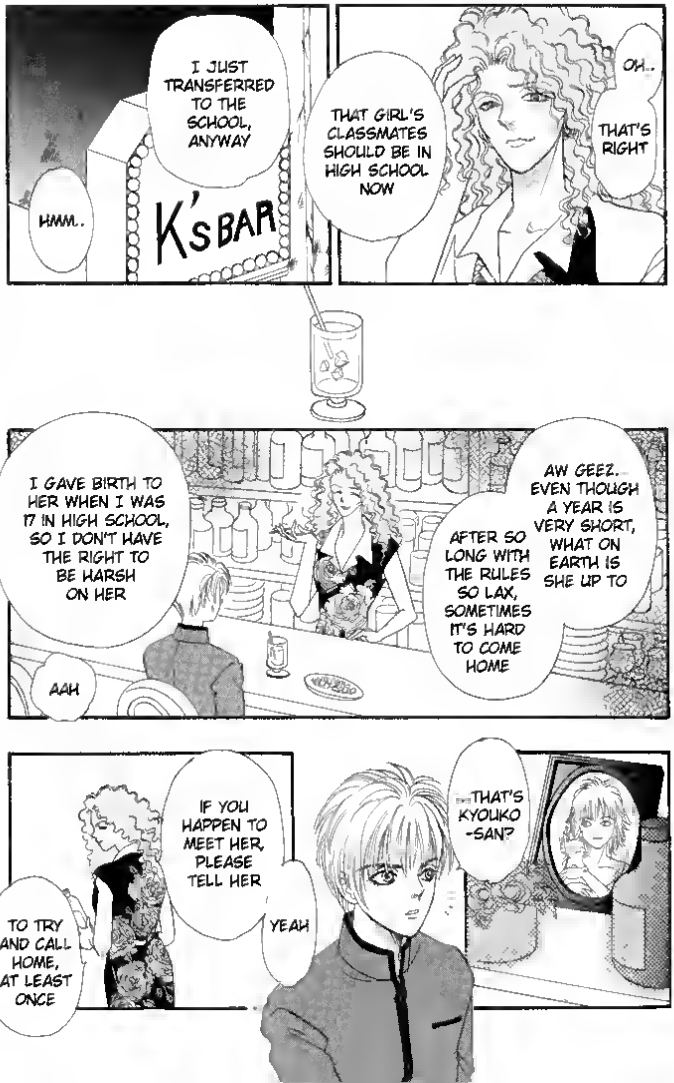
WELL, BELIEVE IT OR NOT
YOU'RE HERE BEFORE MY EYES
AND THEN THERE'S THAT GARUDA -KUN?
I GUESS IT'S TOO BAD I CAN'T SEE HIS REAL FORM
BUT IF HE REALLY EXISTS RIGHT THERE
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN ACCEPT THIS CALMLY
I'M SURE THERE ARE RESEARCHERS WHO START FROM A POSITION OF DOUBT
BUT I LIKE TO BEGIN ACCEPTING THINGS WHOLE-HEARTEDLY, BASED ON THE CURRENT INFORMATION
OF COURSE MY DOUBTS ARE STILL THERE
BUT THANKS TO THAT, THIS HOUSE HAS BECOME A LOT MORE LIVELY

THEN, SENSEI. YOU BELIEVE IN
STUFF LIKE GHOSTS AND UFOS
AND THINGS WHICH NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T SEE?
DON'T YOU FEEL.. STRANGE?
I WANT TO SEE AND HEAR ABOUT EVERYTHING IN THE WORLD.. I WANT TO OBTAIN IT.. AND PUT IT INSIDE HERE, YOU SEE
(EHUHU
I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF BEING ABLE TO SEE SUCH THINGS, JUST LIKE MAYU, HERE
.....
..YOU TOO..
CAN SEE..

UMM.. HEY.
LATELY I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT, BUT..
"LAUGHING" IS DONE WHEN YOU'RE HAPPY, OR WHEN YOU'RE FEELING AMUSED WHILE WATCHING A COMEDIAN
A CONDITION WHEN THE CHEEK MUSCLES TWITCH
IS THAT WHAT YOU MEAN?
UHH.. YEAH THAT'S IT, BUT..
YOU CAN'T LAUGH AT A TIME THAT ISN'T FUNNY OR HAPPY
MAYU, WHY DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE SUCH A DULL FACE?
FULUTO -KUN!?
H-HIGH PRIEST
'CUZ.. YOU'RE REALLY BEAU-TIFUL..
I.. I THINK IT'LL BE NICE IF YOU TRIED LAUGHING A BIT


WELL
I GUESS SO

AAAH THIS ISN'T LIKE ME AT ALL
ACCORDING TO THE ADDRESS, IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE
ARE YOU A FRIEND OF KYOUKO'S?
EH? N-NO I'M...
THAT UNIFORM.. YOU'RE FROM MEIOU GAKUEN, RIGHT?
AH. YEAH
HEY, YOU!


I JUST TRANSFERRED TO THE SCHOOL, ANYWAY
HMM..
K'S BAR
THAT GIRL'S CLASSMATES SHOULD BE IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW
OH..
THAT'S RIGHT
I GAVE BIRTH TO HER WHEN I WAS 17 IN HIGH SCHOOL, SO I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HARSH ON HER
AAH
AFTER SO LONG WITH THE RULES SO LAX, SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO COME HOME
AW GEEZ.. EVEN THOUGH A YEAR IS VERY SHORT, WHAT ON EARTH IS SHE UP TO
IF YOU HAPPEN TO MEET HER, PLEASE TELL HER
TO TRY AND CALL HOME, AT LEAST ONCE
YEAH
...THAT'S KYOUKO -SAN?

flap
WHAT BOTHERS YOU, HIGH PRIEST?
.....
THAT PERSON..
IS NO LONGER ALIVE

RIGHT NOW.. BENEATH THE EARTH
SHE IS CROUCHED, SURROUNDED
BY FLOWING WATER
NEAR A RED BRIDGE
THEN ISN'T IT BEST IF YOU LET HER MOTHER KNOW?
BAAKA!

YOU THINK THAT'S SOMETHING SHE'D WANT TO HEAR FROM SOMEONE SHE JUST MET? IT'S JUST TOO SHOCKING
IF I REPORT TO THE POLICE
THEY'LL ASK ME ALL SORTS OF QUES-TIONS
HOW DO YOU KNOW THERE'S A DEAD BODY OVER THERE?
BUT IT'S THE 4TH TIME HE'S DONE THIS
CHANCE?
I JUST CAN
'HELP ME' AND 'PAINFUL'
I HEARD A VOICE CRYING
I WAS NOT PRAISED, BUT SEEN AS A FREAK
AND TEASED
EACH TIME MY MOTHER WOULD LOOK AT ME WITH SAD EYES
TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL, WE WOULD KEEP MOVING FROM TOWN TO TOWN

AT LONG LAST I'VE FINALLY COME TO A SCHOOL I CAN SETTLE INTO
I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO TROUBLE!
BUT RIGHT NOW THAT GIRL IS CRYING OUT, RIGHT?
YOU CAN HEAR HER VOICE, CAN'T YOU?
DON'T TURN YOUR EYES FROM REALITY
DON'T CLOSE YOUR EARS.. AND BESIDES..
YOU TOOK AN OATH ON KAZUKI'S SOUL! DID YOU NOT?
IT'S DARK
AND COLD
SO LONELY..
SOME-ONE..
SOMEONE. PLEASE HELP ME..

HMMMM
I CAN'T EXACTLY PINPOINT HER LOCATION
FAINT VISIONS ARISE, BUT.
TO TELL THE TRUTH I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH CONFI-DENCE.
HAP
IF I REPORT IT LIKE THAT TO THE POLICE..
RED BRIDGE
RIVER-SIDE

THERE IT IS!!

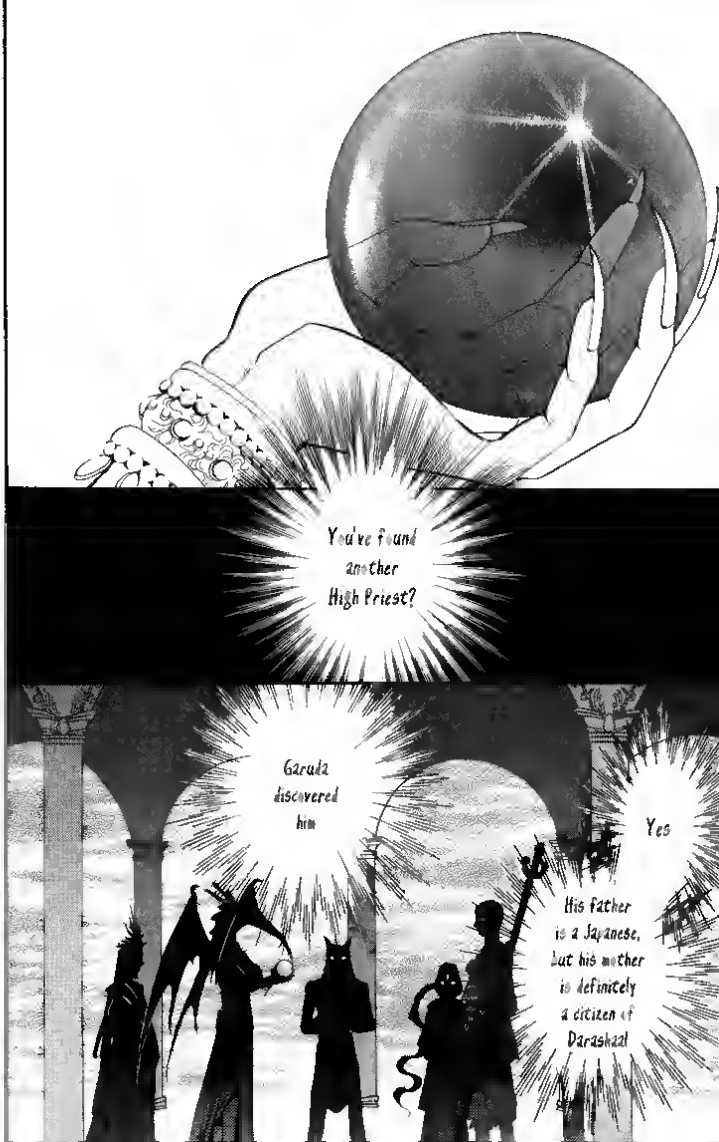
HURRY QUICK
SOMEONE COME
YOU'VE DONE WELL
THIS IS IT!
WE SHOULD DIG HER UP AT ONCE
I'LL TAKE OVER FROM HERE
flap
?

Kuwa kaaw
THERE'S A FLOCK OF BIRDS GATHERING OVER THERE
HM?
IS IT TRASH?
OR THE CORPSE OF A DEAD DOG?
flap flap
WH.. WHAT THE..

Missing Middle School Girl's Corpse Found Ten Months Later
Kyouko Ogata (15 years old)
Discovered by Local Fishers
Man (33 Years) She was Friendly with Brought in for Questioning
KYOU-KOO!!
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER IF YOU WERE NEVER FOUND
TO COME BACK HOME IN THIS STATE
STUPID CHILD!
忌中
K's Bar

I.. THINK I WENT A BIT TOO FAR
HIGH PRIEST
HER MOTHER WAS HAPPY AS LONG AS SHE THOUGHT KYOUKO-SAN WAS ALIVE, SOMEWHERE..
HIGH PRIEST
IN DUE TIME, HER MOTHER WILL EVENTUALLY COME TO TERM WITH REALITY
AND BESIDES
LOOK CAN YOU SEE IT?
HER SOUL IS FINALLY AT PEACE
SINCE NOW SHE CAN REJOIN THE ENDLESS CIRCLE OF REBIRTH

HIGH PRIEST...
YOUR SPECIAL TALENT IS THE ABILITY TO RESCUE WANDERING SOULS


You've found another High Priest?
Garuda discovered him
Yes
His father is a Japanese, but his mother is definitely a citizen of Darashazl

The true High priest is none other than Acisha-sama, who currently sits on the throne
Hal?
That's enough
The traitor Celestial Guardian Beast, Garuda
and the impostor who's tarnishing the High Priest's name..
Kill them!

HIGH PRIEST
HANG IN THERE
WE'RE NEARLY AT THE GATES
ULULU
IT'S CHILLY OUT HERE
CHE
EASY FOR YOU TO SAY YOU FLEW ALL THE WAY UP
HEY HEY, MAYU!
NOW! DO IT NOW!
OOH FULITO -KUN ♡
DING DONG
HA?
WHAT'S UP, DOCTOR?
.....
?
?
Kill Kamishina Fuuto!!
EH?

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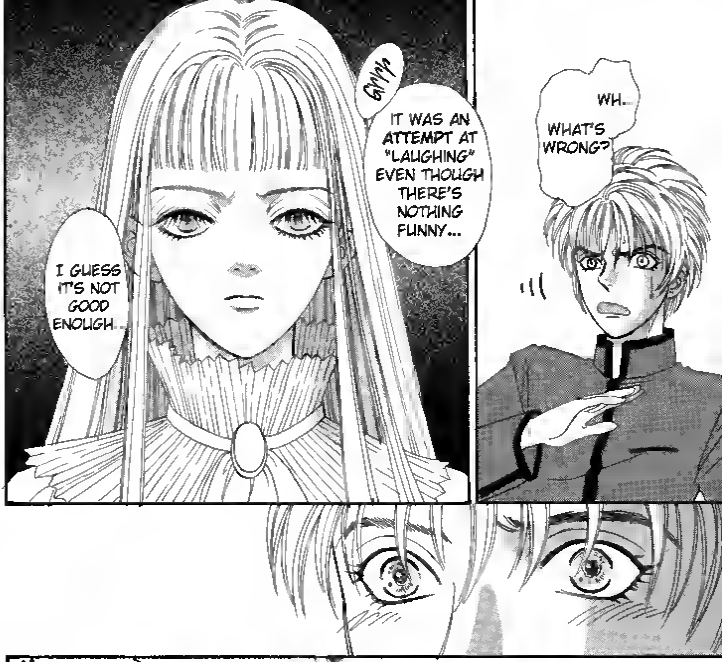
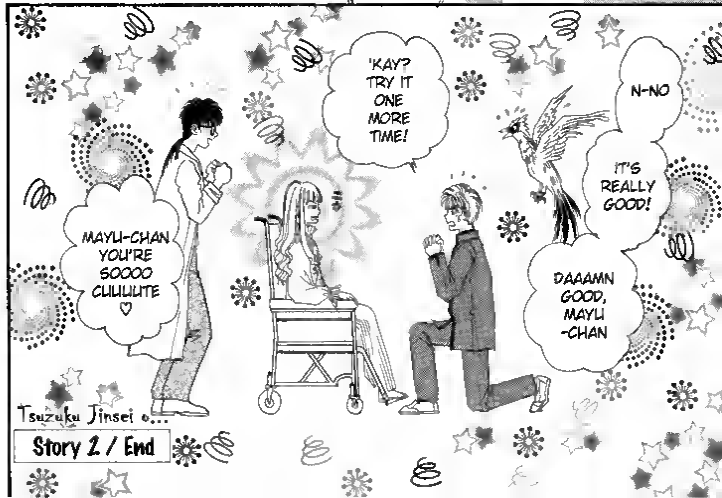

GYP!
IT WAS AN ATTEMPT AT "LAUGHING" EVEN THOUGH THERE'S NOTHING FUNNY...
I GUESS IT'S NOT GOOD ENOUGH.
WH..
WHAT'S WRONG?

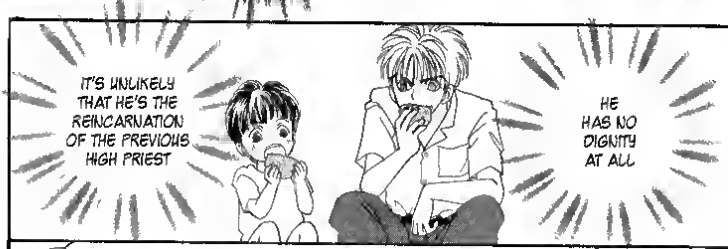

'KAY? TRY IT ONE MORE TIME!
N-NO
IT'S REALLY GOOD!
MAYU-CHAN YOU'RE SOOOO CUUUUTE ♡
DAAAMN GOOD, MAYU -CHAN
Tsuzuku Jinsei o...
Story 2 / End

STORY 3
Rainy Day Boy

THIS IS WHY I HATE THE RAINY SEASON
TCHI~
IT RAINS AFTER I LEAVE THE HOUSE
THAT'S ONE OF DARA-SHAAL'S GOO~D POI~NTS ♡
HIGH PRIEST
SOME-TIMES IT DOESN'T EVEN RAIN IN OVER 3 YEARS
GO MAKE YOURSELF USEFUL AND BRING ME AN UMBRELLA!
HURRY UP, YOU SLOW-POKE!
A...AS YOU WISH!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN MAKE ME GO TO THAT OBSCURE DESERT WASTELAND!
YOU'RE A STUBBORN ONE!

MM
D-D'YOU LIVE HERE!?
MM..
W-WERE YOU.
THERE THE WHOLE TIME!?
GASA
GOSO
LESSEE
HEEEH.. MUST BE GREAT..
AH..? OH... WEEELL.
HE'S MY SERVANT
WAS THAT BIRD YOUR PET, ONII-CHAN? (BIG BROTHER)
OH! FOUND IT!
D'YOU WANT IT?
...HAVEN'T YOU HAD BREAKFAST YET?

THAT BOY IS THE NEW HIGH PRIEST!?
THAT'S
THAT'S FOR MY MY QUICK LUNCH!
HEY! I DIDN'T SAY YOU COULD TAKE IT ALL!


IT'S UNLIKELY THAT HE'S THE REINCARNATION OF THE PREVIOUS HIGH PRIEST
HE HAS NO DIGNITY AT ALL

BUT ISN'T THIS GUY JUST A NORMAL KID...
I CAME TO THIS FAR-OFF NATION CALLED JAPAN ON NAAGA-SAMA'S ORDERS TO "ELIMINATE THE FAKE HIGH PRIEST"

IT'S HARD TO TELL IF THIS GUY IS A FAKE OR NOT
ALTHOUGH, I'M POSITIVE THAT WAS GARUDA
A VERY CLOSE FRIEND OF THE FREVIOUS HIGH PRIEST
OKAY, LET'S SEE
THE EXTENT OF
YOUR SPIRITUAL ENERGY

Missed!!
Gah
pop!
Kyan
Waaaan
O-O!!?
WHAT'S WRONG!?
MY FATHER WOULD USE A CERTAIN KILLER TECHNIQUE ON ME .
AT A TIMES LIKE THESE
AH! I KNOW!
Haa-h
Waaan
?
IT'S... GETTING RED
DID A BEE STING YOU!?
HE-
HEY DON'T CRY
IT'LL MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A BULLY
Bwiiiii!!!

Pa-n Pa-in Fly Awa-y
To the Moun-tains
And there you'll Staaa-y
Hic
DAMN THIS IS EMBA-RASSING
Hic
THE PAIN FLEEEW AWAAAY
I'M FINE NOW
Hic
HUH ..?
THANKS ONII-CHAN
OH..? I SEE
THE BUMP REALLY.. WENT AWAY!?
THAT LIGHT

YOU'RE ALWAYS LATE
S-SORRY
NO, NOTHING
WH-WHAT'S WITH THE BOY?
SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING
HIGH PRIEST ~~~
Flap
Flap
THIS CALLS FOR AN INVESTI-GATION!
HMMMM
BYE BYE ONII-CHAN
MY NAME'S NOT.. KIDDO..
IT'S YULIYA
SEE YA' KIDDO
OKAY THEN, YULIYA
LATER

AH, IT'S ALRIGHT
SORRY MR CHAIRMAN
clnk
Tom
THANKS, FUJITO -KUN
HERE
AH!
Tap
WH-.. WHAT WAS THAT..?
IT'S NOTHING
WHAT'S UP? YOU SEEM SPACED OUT
OSSU! KAMI-SHINA
AH. HEY

--THE BUS IS REALLY CROWDED TODAY
PEOPLE CAN'T USE THEIR BICYCLES TO GET TO WORK DUE TO THE RAIN
UWA
AH! SORRY
KSH
AH! THAT'S MY STOP
THE NEXT STOP IS KOTONO-CHOU
THIS IS.
NO WAY..

!!
Crane Collapses
Five Dead
SSH
HE'S THE GUY FROM THE BUS---
FULITO
I'M GOING OUT FOR A BIT TONIGHT, SO YOU CAN EAT FIRST
WHAT'S UP?
THE NEIGBORHOOD APARTMENT COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN'S PASSED AWAY
TODAY, WE'LL STAY BY HIS BODY
CHAIRMAN.. YOU MEAN THE ONE WITH THE KNIGHT-HANDLE WALKING STICK?
THAT'S THE ONE. HE WAS LOOKING HEALTHY YESTERDAY
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE, BOTH OF THEM.
BUT HE'S ALREADY PASSED HIS 80'S ANYWAY, I GUESS IT WAS COMING SOONER OR LATER

FORE SIGHT?
YEP. YOU SAW A GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE, DIDN'T YOU?
SO YOU MEAN YOU POSSESS THE 'ABILITY OF FORESIGHT'?
I KNEW IT!
THAT'S ONE OF YOUR ABILITIES AS HIGH PRIEST!
Kah Kah
GIVE IT A BREAK YOU STUPID BIRD!
I SAW ALL THE PEOPLE IN THE BUS COVERED IN BLOOD--
WHEN I WAS A KID
BUT... COME TO THINK OF IT..

MY MOTHER MISTOOK IT FOR MOTION-SICKNESS
SO SHE BROUGHT ME OFF AT THE NEXT BUS STOP
I WAS SCARED AND STARTED CRYING
BUT EVER SINCE I MET GARUDA
JUST THEN
THE BUS CRASHED
INJURING AND KILLING EVERYONE ON THE BUS
?
THAT 'ABILITY' HAS BEEN RE-AWAKENED
PREVENTED MYSELF FROM BEING ABLE TO SEE SUCH THINGS--
RATHER, I SUBCONCIOUSLY
SINCE THEN, THAT'S NEVER HAPPENED AGAIN

YEESH.. STRANGE HOUSE
IT COULD PASS FOR EITHER A MUSEUM OR A HAUNTED HOUSE
A..
ANYHOW, WHERE'S MAYU?
AH .UMM.. SHE'S NOT FEELING TOO WELL TODAY, SO SHE'S IN HER ROOM, RESTING
DON'T WORRY, IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS
HMMM
GUESS I MIGHT AS WELL LEAVE, THEN
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE SO FRANK
AH, IS IT OKAY IF I USE THE TOILET BEFORE I LEAVE?
HEAD RIGHT TO THE END OF THAT CORRIDOR AND TURN RIGHT. IT'S THE SECOND DOOR ON THE LEFT
SURE
OKAY

LET'S SEE..
WHICH WAY WAS IT AGAIN .!?
HMM..
HUH?
WHAT'S THAT SOUND?
?
Pi
Pi
Pi

MAYU
..!!
Pi
Pi
Pi

ICHIJOU SENSEI DIDN'T SAY IT WAS MUCH
BUT THIS IS. DOES SHE HAVE A SERIOUS ILLNESS!?
NO WAY..
IS SHE GOING TO D ..
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW THAT KIND OF FUTURE..!!
NO! I CAN'T!
9U

Hic
Hic
O... ONII-CHAN
Hic
OH... IT'S YOU, YUUYA
LET'S TRY THAT TECHNIQUE AGAIN!
Pa~n Pa~in
Hic
YOU'RE A HECK OF A CLUMSY KID
WHAT'S WRONG? ARE YOU HURT AGAIN?

YU.. YUUYA!
LET ME HAVE A LOOK AT YOU
HERE TOO!
AH
gui
..THIS IS
CHILD.. ABUSE!?

..HEY
SHE DID, RIGHT!? YUUYA..!!
..DID YOUR MOTHER DO THIS TO YOU..?
N..
NO
I DIDN'T PUT AWAY MY TOYS
AND SPILT MY MEAL
I DID BAD THINGS
THE REASON SHE GOT ANGRY
WAS BECAUSE I'M A NAUGHTY CHILD!

YUUYA
YOU'RE NOT A NAUGHTY BOY
THE ONE WHO'S AT WRONG HERE IS YOUR MOTHER
HIC
HIC
IF I DON'T..
ANY-WAY..
I KNOW! COME TO MY HOUSE
HIGH PRIEST!? WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO!?
WHAT-EVER IT IS I'VE GOT TO DO SOME-THING!

MAYBE WE SHOULD PUT YOU UNDER THE CARE OF THE "FAMILY AFFAIRS COUNSELING OFFICE"
SHOULD WE REPORT THIS TO THE POLICE?
HMM.. WHAT SHOULD WE DO
HIGH PRIEST
AH! GOT IT! GARUDA, WHY DON'T YOU SHOW YUUYA'S MOTHER AN ILLUSION TO SCARE HER A BIT, JUST LIKE THE ONE AT KAZUKI'S FUNERAL
CHILD ABUSE IS A HORRID CRIME!
SHE DESERVES TO BE PUNISHED!!
HIS MOTHER WILL KILL HIM...!!

WHAT!?
I CANNOT DO THAT
DIDN'T YOU SAY BEFORE?
THAT MY TALENT IS THE ABILITY TO RESCUE TROUBLED AND DISTRESSED HUMANS!
DIDN'T YOU TELL ME NOT TO STAND AND WATCH!!
..TH.. THAT'S TRUE, BUT..
IT'LL BE TOO LATE ONCE HE'S DEAD!!
I DON'T WANT TO SEE SOMEONE DIE IN FRONT OF MY EYES AGAIN!!

FINE!
SO YOU CHOOSE TO IGNORE MY ORDERS
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A HYPOCRITE!!
BUT THEN
!!
HIGH PRIEST
BAM
BAM
AH! FULITO!?
I CAN DO THAT, BUT..
WHY DON'T YOU GIVE HIM SOMETHING TO EAT
HE'S FROM BLOCK 3
LOOK AFTER THIS CHILD
MOM..
EH?

IN OTHER WORDS, EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT A NICE THING TO DO, I HAVE TO SEPARATE THEM FOR TONIGHT!

I WAS PLAYING WITH YUUYA-KUN TODAY AND HE GOT REALLY TIRED AND SLEEPY AFTER IT ALL, SO TONIGHT HE'LL BE STAYING AT MY HOUSE
AH?
OH YEAH... NO WONDER I DIDN'T SEE THE KID SINCE LUNCHTIME
YOU... YOU'RE NOT EVEN WORRIED THAT YOUR CHILD HASN'T COME HOME YET AT THIS LATE AN HOUR?
I DON'T CARE IF YOU KEEP HIM FOR A NIGHT. HECK, IN FACT, YOU CAN KEEP HIM FOR GOOD
. SO WHAT!
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU
MOST OF THE TIME THAT BRAT IS ALWAYS GETTING HIMSELF DIRTY OR CRYING HIS PANTS OFF
IT'LL BE A LOT BETTER IF HE'S GONE
THIS IS MY PHONE NUMBER
PLEASE HOLD ON TO IT, FIRST

.....
HEY!
LET GO OF ME!
WIERD KID!
HIGH PRIEST!?
HOW DID IT GO?

WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD
HER FATHER WOULD HIT HER
KICK HER
AND PRESS CIGARETTE BUTTS ON HER
SHE WOULD CRY ALONE IN SOLITUDE
TH..
THAT WOMAN.

WHY!?
EVEN THOUGH SHE HAD A ROUGH TIME WITH HER FATHER
DOES SHE REALLY HAVE TO TREAT HER OWN CHILD IN THE SAME WAY!?
THAT MIGHT ALSO BE THE ENDLESS CYCLE OF REBIRTH
PERHAPS
D'YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT IF THIS GOES ON, WHEN YUUYA GROWS UP, HE'LL PROBABLY ABUSE HIS CHILD AS WELL!?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT CRAP!!
RE-BIRTH!?
..RUBBISH!!
IT'S WRONG!!
THAT'S COMPLETELY UNHEARD OF...

HIGH PRIEST..
YOUR ABILITY
ISN'T JUST LIMITED TO SEEING INNER WOUNDS AND HEALING
WHAT..
WHAT SHOULD I DO..
.....

AARGH!
WHAT IS IS THIS TIME!?
THE RENT COLLE-CTOR!?
THE LOAN SHARKS !?
A CALL FROM THE SCHOOL !?
BAM
WHY DOES EVERYONE BLAME ME!!
STOP PUTTING ME UNDER PRESSURE!
WHY IS IT ALWAYS ME WHO'S BLAMED..!?
WHY..
YES..
I KNOW WHY..
WHY!?

IT'S MY FAULT
I WAS A NAUGHTY CHILD, SO MY FATHER HIT ME
Waaaa
Uwaaa
ugh
HA
I'M SORRY
I'M SORRY, FATHER
ugh
HIC
HIC

Pain Pain
Fly Awa~y
THERE
YOU'RE NOT THE BAD ONE
DOESN'T HURT NOW, DOES IT?
..MM
SO DON'T CRY ANYMORE
'KAY..

Huuh
Huuh
?
Grh
.....
YUU-
YA..
WHERE'S
YUUYA..!?
!!
IS IT
THAT
LATE!?
HA
8-312
神志那
042
THAT'S
RIGHT!
THE BOY
THAT
CAME BY
HE SAID
BLOCK
EIGHT..

...MAMA-?
MAMA!!
YUU-YA
YUU-YAA!?
WELL WELL
EVEN THOUGH SHE BEAT HIM
HIS MOM'S NOT SUCH A BAD PERSON AFTER ALL
I GUESS IT'S 'CUZ EVEN SHE'S
FEELING BETTER NOW.
WELL, TIME FOR BED

WHAT WAS THAT!?
AN ACCI-DENT!?
YUU-YAA!!
YUUYA, PLEASE ANSWER MEEE

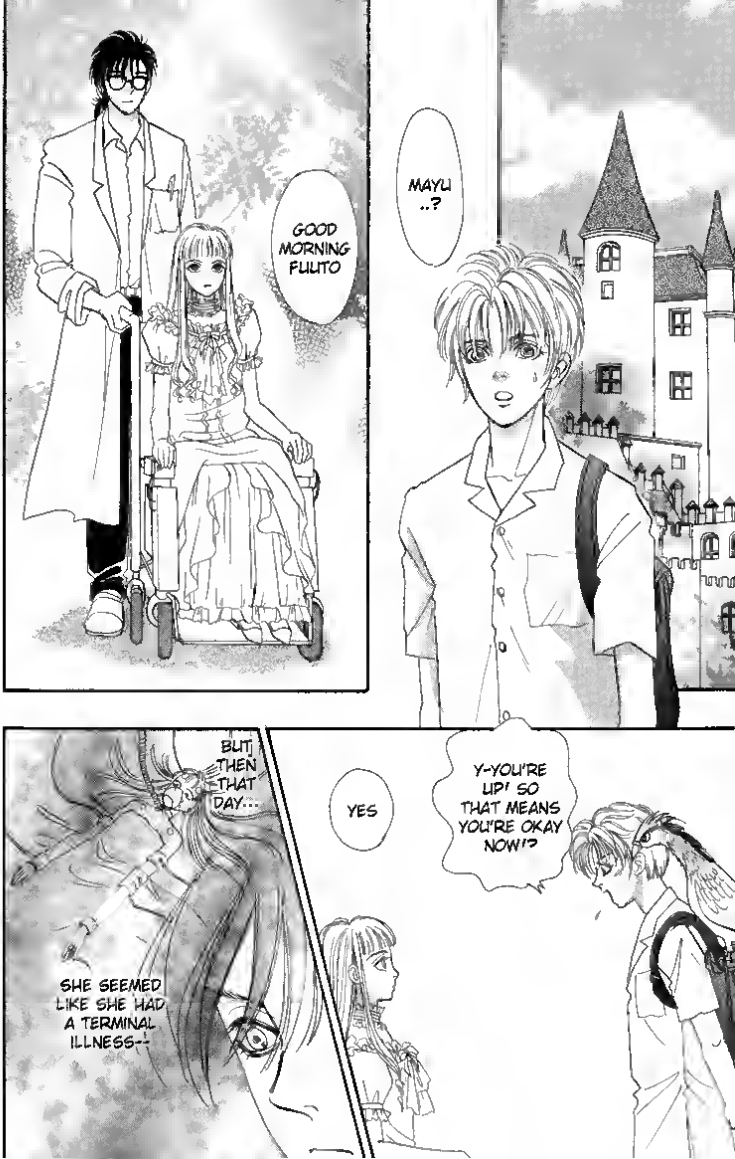
YUUYAAAAAA
CALL AN AMBULANCE!
STAY CALM
NO... THIS CAN'T BE..

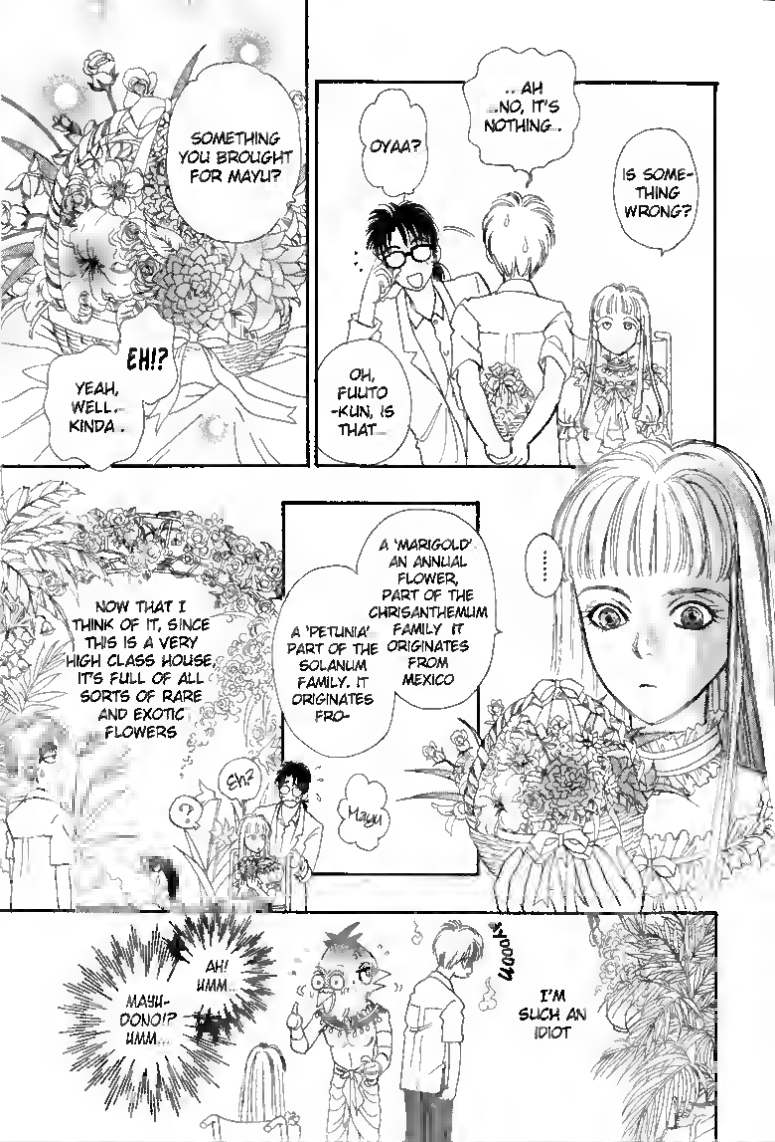
HIGH PRIEST
HIS LIFESPAN WAS PRE-DETERMINED THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD'VE CHANGED THAT
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT THEY COULD START AFRESH AND LIVE HAPPILY
WHY..
WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN..
AFTER ALL THAT
LIFE.. SPAN..
NO..
NO MATTER HOW HARD I COULD HAVE TRIED, YULIYA'S FATE WAS TO DIE TONIGHT!?
AND ALL THE TROUBLE I WENT THROUGH WAS USELESS FROM THE START..!?
..SO

AND IF THEY HAPP'EN TO MEET AGAIN IN THE NEXT LIFE AS MOTHER AND CHILD
FROM THERE ON, THOSE TWO SOULS
WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE AMENDS FOR ALL THAT HAS HAPPENED AND WILL LIVE A MORE PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS LIFE
AND BECAUSE OF THAT, THEIR FATE WAS CHANGED
YOU MANAGED TO PREVENT HIS DEATH AS A RESULT OF BEING KILLED BY HIS MOTHER'S HANDS

THAT PERSON
DISCOVERED BY GARUDA -SAMA
IS HE THE HONORABLE HIGH PRIEST!?
BUT THEN THERE'S ATISHA-SAMA, WHO HAS NAAGA-SAMA'S SUPPORT
WHO ON EARTH IS HE!?
WHO IS THE REAL HIGH PRIEST!?

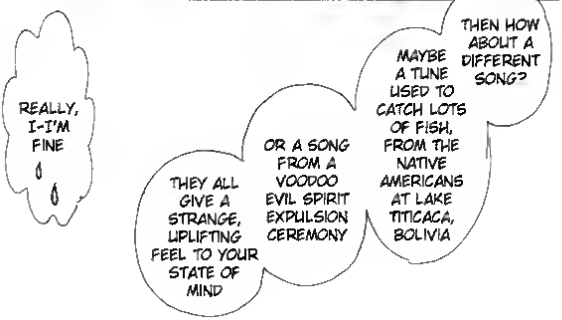
PART 1
Assassin


GOOD MORNING FUJITO
MAYU ..?
Y-YOU'RE UP! SO THAT MEANS YOU'RE OKAY NOW!?
YES
BUT THEN THAT DAY...
SHE SEEMED LIKE SHE HAD A TERMINAL ILLNESS--


SOMETHING YOU BROUGHT FOR MAYU?
EH!?
YEAH, WELL... KINDA.
OYAA?
.. AH ...NO, IT'S NOTHING..
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
OH, FUJITO-KUN, IS THAT...
NOW THAT I THINK OF IT, SINCE THIS IS A VERY HIGH CLASS HOUSE, IT'S FULL OF ALL SORTS OF RARE AND EXOTIC FLOWERS
A 'PETUNIA' PART OF THE SOLANUM FAMILY. IT ORIGINATES FRO-
A 'MARIGOLD' AN ANNUAL FLOWER, PART OF THE CHRISANTHEMUM FAMILY IT ORIGINATES FROM MEXICO
.....
Eh?
Mayu
MAYU-DONO!? UMM...
AH! UMM...
SUUUH
I'M SUCH AN IDIOT

I HEARD THE SONG ONCE, WHILE I WAS HELPING THE DOCTOR SORT HIS ETHNOLOGY MATERIAL
IT'S A FOLK SONG HANDED DOWN AMONG THE NOMADS OF TIBET
SONG..? AAAH
TH-THAT'S RIGHT! YESTERDAY... YOU WERE SINGING A SONG IN THE GARDEN WHAT WAS IT?
Ichijou Sensei Vision
Gaaa
Gaaa
I'm the
Only one left out

!-IT'S ALRIGHT
YUP
YOU WANT ME TO SING IT AGAIN?
ONCE...
YOU MANAGED TO REMEMBER THAT STRANGE SONG ONLY AFTER HEARING IT ONCE?


REALLY, I-I'M FINE
THEY ALL GIVE A STRANGE, UPLIFTING FEEL TO YOUR STATE OF MIND
OR A SONG FROM A VOODOO EVIL SPIRIT EXPULSION CEREMONY
MAYBE A TUNE USED TO CATCH LOTS OF FISH, FROM THE NATIVE AMERICANS AT LAKE TITICACA, BOLIVIA
THEN HOW ABOUT A DIFFERENT SONG?

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THAT GIRL IS...!
QUITE A BEAUTY ♡
---AND THOUGH SHE LACKS EMOTION
THEN, THAT GUY WEARING THE BLACK RIMMED GLASSES IS THE MAHA-RAJA !?
BUT I DON'T SEE ANY SERVANTS
HMM~~M
IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL JAPAN'S MAHARAJA'S CASTLE!?
FUJI
TH-THAT VOICE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SPYING ON PEOPLE, YOU OVERSIZED MONKEY!!
Yuah

FINISH
"GO TO JA'AN AND ELIMINATE THE FAKE HIGH PRIEST"
GENROU SHOUGUN!!
(NEUBRAL GENROU)
IT'S AMAZING HOW YOU SWEET-TALKED NAAGA-SAMA INTO ALLOWING YOU TO TAKE UP THE TASK
"I COULD DO THAT WITH MY EYES CLOSED", YOU SAID
AS USUAL, YOU'RE ONLY SKILLED WITH YOUR MOUTH!!
YOU COWARDLY MONKEY!!
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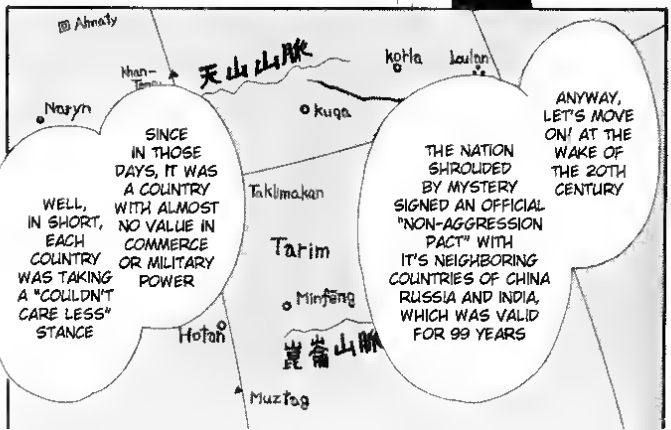
TO HEAL A CHILD'S WOUNDS
HE USED HIS ABILITIES BEFORE
JUST MIGHT BE THE R-... REAL HONORABLE HIGH PRIEST
B-B-BUT THEN!! THAT KID
ARF?
WE CAN'T STRIKE EASILY~~
BUT.. BUT THEN GARUDA -SAMA IS ALWAYS BY HIS SIDE
BUT TONS OF PEOPLE IN THE WORLD POSSESS THAT ABILITY
COME ON! WE'D BETTER FINISH OFF OUR JOB HERE AND HEAD HOME BEFORE NAAGA -SAMA GETS IMPATIENT
GARUDA, EH?

CRRRR
Hee!
AFTER ALL THESE YEARS
A GOOD CHANCE TO SETTLE OUR MATCH
SHOUGUN ?

OKAY FUJITO-KUN, LET'S REVIEW
HIGH PRIEST!
THIS IS WHERE "DARASHAAL" IS, AN ILLUSIONARY DESERT NATION IN CENTRAL ASIA
FUWA WA WA
THE EARLIEST RECORDED HISTORY OF DARASHAAL WAS BEFORE THE HAN DYNASTY (CIRCA 2ND CENTURY B.C.) IN ANCIENT TRADE LOGS FOUND IN WESTERN CHINA
LONG AGO, THE SILK ROAD CARAVANS MIGHT HAVE REGARDED IT AS A VALUABLE OASIS
IT'S A SORT OF UTOPIA THAT APPEARS IN FICTIONAL FOLKLORES AND LEGENDS
THE CHINESE REFERRED TO THE NATION AS 'TOUGENKYOU' (EDEN), WHILE THE TIBETANS CALLED IT 'SHAMBHALA'
HOWEVER, IF A TRAVELLER WHO MANAGED TO VISIT IT TRIED TO GET THERE AGAIN, HE WOULD NEVER EVER REACH DARASHAAL, NO MATTER HOW HARD HE TRIED

*LAKE IN NORTHWEST CHINA
**REFER TO SVEN HEDIN'S BOOK "LOP-NOR, THE WANDERING LAKE"

A HEAVEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT WHICH APPEARS AND DISAPPEARS AS IT PLEASES
OH HOW MYSTERIOUS! OH HOW ROMANTIC!! ..IS WHAT YOU'RE PROBABLY THINKING, RIGHT!?
BY THE WAY, IT'S SIMILAR TO THE OASIS CITY OF 'ROURAN' THAT ONCE FLOURISHED BY THE 'LOP NOR'* LAKESHORE
THE MOST PROMINENT THEORY IS THAT THE CHANGE IN DIRECTION OF THE RIVER FLOW** CALISED THE NATION TO MIGRATE WITH IT

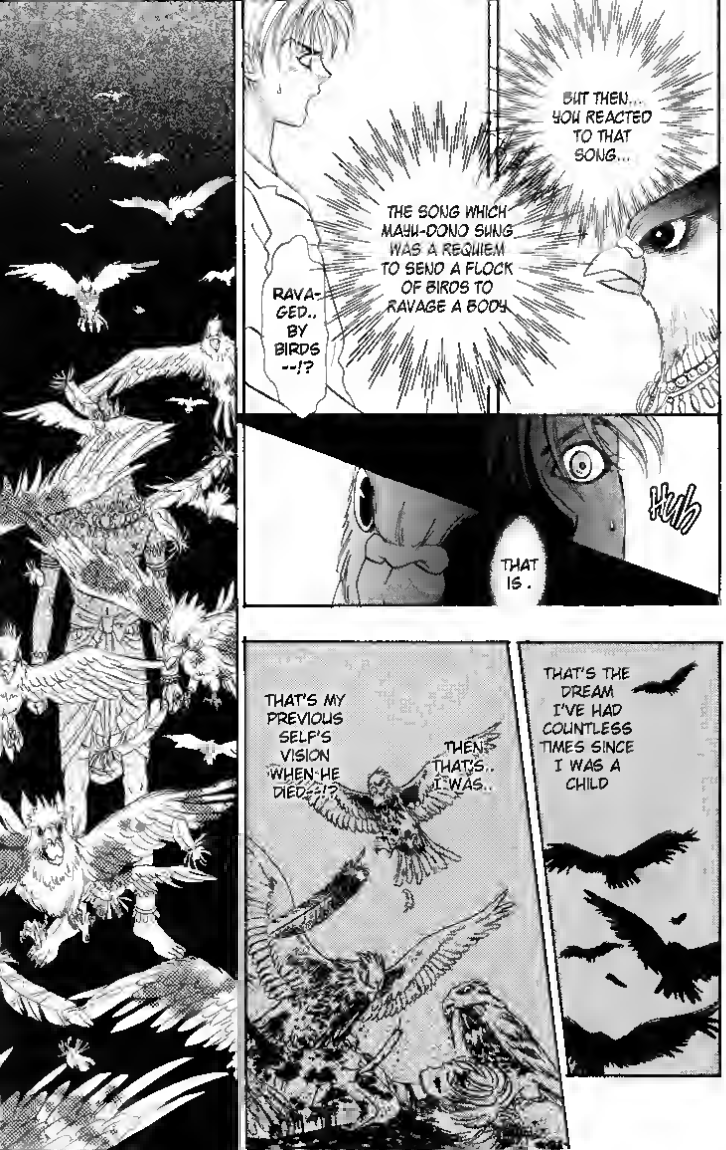

Almaty
Khan-Tengri
天山山脈
Kotla
Loulan
Naryn
Kuqa
Taklimakan
Tarim
Minfeng
Hotan
崑崙山脈
Muztag
WELL, IN SHORT, EACH COUNTRY WAS TAKING A "COULDN'T CARE LESS" STANCE
SINCE IN THOSE DAYS, IT WAS A COUNTRY WITH ALMOST NO VALUE IN COMMERCE OR MILITARY POWER
THE NATION SHROUDED BY MYSTERY SIGNED AN OFFICIAL "NON-AGGRESSION PACT" WITH IT'S NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES OF CHINA RUSSIA AND INDIA, WHICH WAS VALID FOR 99 YEARS
ANYWAY, LET'S MOVE ON! AT THE WAKE OF THE 20TH CENTURY

IT'S IN THE FILE ON THE SECOND SHELF, 14 FILES FROM THE RIGHT
THERE SHOULD BE AN ARTICLE ABOUT THAT SOMEWHERE IN HERE----
HMMM
AAH HERE IT I-S ♫
HIGH PRIEST!
HMMMM
SO?
TH-THIS IS...
KSH
LOOK, THIS IS AT THE OFFICIAL SEALING CEREMONY WITH THE RUSSIAN MONARCHY
A PICTURE OF THE DARA-SHAAL HIGH PRIEST, AT THE TIME
It's a little hard to see though!
HE-EH
O-OI! GARUDA!?
SNIFF

*IT SEEMS THAT HIS NAME IS ALSO ATISHA. MAYBE IT'S THE PALACE NAME GIVEN TO THE HIGH PRIEST...
ATISHA-SAMA..
THIS PERSON IS THE FORM OF REINCARNATION OF THE 4TH PREDECESSOR BEFORE YOU
Y'KNOW, I COULD HAVE EASILY GUESSED THAT, MYSELF
THAT'S WHY I WAS SHOWN THE PICTURE OF THIS GUY WHO DIED BEFORE I WAS BORN.. THIS HIHIJA-SAN OR WHATEVER YOU CALL HIM...
HUH..

MOST DEFI-NITELY!!
..JUST HOW OLD ARE YOU!?
WAIT A MINUTE! 4TH...!?
THAT MEANS.. YOU'RE.. YOU WERE THIS GEEZER'S SERVANT A HUNDRED YEARS AGO!?

HIGH PRIEST!!
YOU MEAN YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER!?
OH?
GALLOPING ON OUR SAPPHIRE UNICORNS IN THE TARIM DESERT
SPLASHING ABOUT IN THE PALACE LOTUS PONDS
THE MORNING GLOW OF THE SCARLET-SPLASHED SNOWY KONGRONG MOUNTAIN PEAKS
AND THE MELODIOUS TUNE OF THE SITAR, WHICH YOU LIKED SO MUCH
I SAID I DON'T KNOW!!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU!? I'M NOT THAT "HIGH PRIEST" YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!!
.....
HAVE YOU REALLY... FORGOTTEN... EVERYTHING..?


BUT THEN... YOU REACTED TO THAT SONG...
THE SONG WHICH MAYU-DONO SUNG WAS A REQUIEM TO SEND A FLOCK OF BIRDS TO RAVAGE A BODY
RAVA-GED.. BY BIRDS --!?
Huh
THAT IS.
THAT'S MY PREVIOUS SELF'S VISION WHEN HE DIED--!?
THEN.. THAT'S.. I WAS..
THAT'S THE DREAM I'VE HAD COUNTLESS TIMES SINCE I WAS A CHILD

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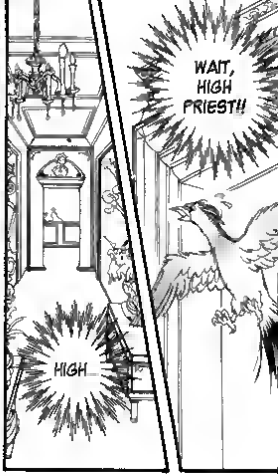
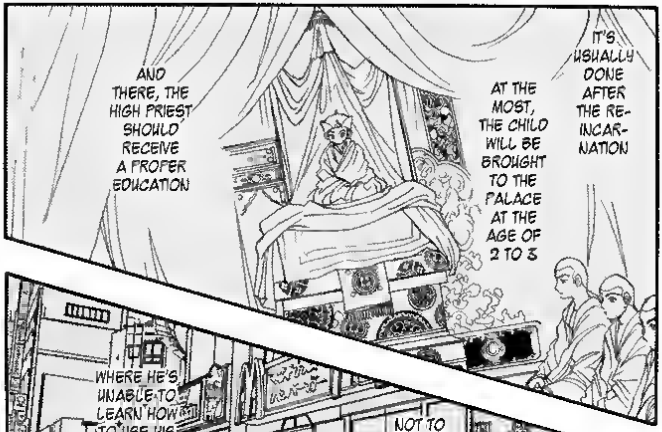
YARE YARE (AH WELL)
IT'S STRANGE THAT YOUR PREVIOUS SELF WAS MORE REFINED AND PRUDENT, AND SPOKE WITH MORE ELEGANT WORDS
YOU'RE DISGRACING THE JAPANESE CIVILIZATION

SHUT UP!!
BAM!!
I'M ME!!
DON'T WASTE YOUR BREATH! EVEN IF I'M THE REIN-CARNATION OF THE "HIGH PRIEST"
HE'S NOW THE JAPANESE, KAMISHINA FUUTO!!
I'LL DECIDE WHO I AM!!
AND I'M NOT GOING TO DARA-SHAAL!
HI-
HIGH PRIEST!?
BAM


WAIT, HIGH PRIEST!!
HIGH...

15 YEARS IS TOO LONG
AS I FEARED


AND THERE, THE HIGH PRIEST SHOULD RECEIVE A PROPER EDUCATION
AT THE MOST, THE CHILD WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE PALACE AT THE AGE OF 2 TO 3
IT'S USUALLY DONE AFTER THE RE-INCAR-NATION

WHERE HE'S UNABLE TO LEARN HOW TO USE HIS ABILITIES IN THE RIGHT MANNER
NOT TO MENTION HE'S BEEN LIVING IN THIS STRANGE FOREIGN COUNTRY
BUT IS YEARS OLD...

I WILL TRANSFORM HIM
WITH MY OWN HANDS..
THAT BODY IS NO MORE THAN A VESSEL
CHANGING HIM WILL BE AS EASY AS CHANGING CLOTHES
WHAT'S MORE..
ONE OR TWO YEARS LATER, IT WILL BE JUST AS IF I HAD FOUND HIM AS A BABY
NURTURING HIM BY HIS SIDE
FROM NOW ON--

STOP!
A MONKEY..?
WHO'S THERE!?
NO
A CHILD !?
ISN'T IT PLAIN TO SEE HE'S A FAKE
SHOW-GUN
SINCE GARUDA ISN'T HERE, LET'S FINISH OUR JOB, QUICK
DARN ANOTHER ONE OF GARUDA'S FRIENDS
!!
I DON'T KNOW!!
GO AWAY, YOU BRAT!!
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN MY FACE? HIGH PRIEST!!

HERE I GO!!
HA HAA
!!
AAH! I MISSED AGAIN!!
Eh!?
I'LL DO THIS, MYSELF!!
FINISH
OWW B-BUT IT WENT OUT OF CONTROL!

RELAX, I'LL MAKE THIS QUICK AND PAIN-LESS
!!
DSH
HIGH PRIEEEST

GA-GARUDA!!
TCHI
Y-YOU ARE
ON NAAGA-SAMA'S ORDERS TO ADMINISTER DIVINE PUNISHMENT ON THE IMPOSTOR HIGH PRIEST AND THE TRAITOR, GARUDA
YES WE FOLLOWED YOU HERE!
GENROU SHOUGUN! HANIMAN!
YOU PEOPLE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE...!!
ME..!?
TRAI..TOR!?

THE REAL IMPOSTOR IS THAT BOY ON THE THRONE WHO'S SUPPORTED BY THE CONSPIRING UAAGA-SAMA AND THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT!!
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE !!
BOTH OF YOU ARE CELESTIAL GUARDIAN BEASTS AND YET YOU DON'T KNOW!?
THE PERSON BEFORE YOUR EYES IS THE TRUE HIGH PRIEST
TH-THAT'S RIGHT
OUTER APPEARANCES
WAY OF SPEECH AND THE LIKE ARE TRIVIAL MATTERS
THE DAY I FOUND FUUTO-DONO
DON'T BE FOOLISH !!
YOU SHOULDN'T GET LED ASTRAY BY OUTER APPEAR-ANCES
HA
S-BUT
BUT THE CURRENT ATISHA-SAMA'S LOOKS AND STYLE OF SPEECH IS VERY SIMILAR TO THE PREVIOUS HIGH PRIEST WHEN HE WAS YOUNG
Dammit why am I always seen as some kind of barbarian

HMM
I DON'T CARE WHO'S THE REAL HIGH PRIEST OR NOT
SHOU-GUN!
I HAD NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT HE WAS THE HIGH PRIEST
IT'S JUST THAT
I WANTED AN EXCUSE TO REPAY THE FAVOR
MONKEY! YOU DEAL WITH THE KID!
LET'S FIGHT GARUDA!!
DUE TO THE DAZZLING RADIANCE OF HIS SOUL
EH!?

CALM DOWN!!
W-WAIT GENROU
THERE'S NO USE FIGHTING OVER IT!!
AAH? IS THAT A FRIENDLY ARGUMENT!?
eh?
DON'T TOUCH MYYY TAAA!!!~~L
SO? ARE YOU PLANNING TO FIGHT WITH ME?
AH' A TAI~L ♡
Kyan
KKRRCH

TOO MANY OPENINGS
ARGH
TSK
HIGH PRIEST!?
AH...
A NORMAL KID...!?
MAYBE HE REALLY IS
Dammit that huurt!
DAMN! HOW DARE YOU STRIKE ME YOU STUPID MONKEY!
THIS GUY IS REALLY WEAK
HUH ...!?
I SEE. IF THAT S SO...
THIS IMPOSTOR WHO S TARNISHING DARA-SHAAL S HIGH PRIEST S HOLY TITLE

WILL RECEIVE MY DIVINE PUNISH-MENT!!
!?

GA..
RUDA!?
ARE YOU..
ALRIGHT?
YOU..
WHY
THE
HELL'D
YOU DO
THAT
FOR!?
I'M FINE..
IT JUST
GRAZED MY..
FEATHERS..

WELL, IT'S JUST TOO BAD I'M AN IMPOSTOR
'IMPOSTOR, IMPOSTOR' YOU KEEP SAYING.
WHY DO YOU GO THIS FAR FOR THAT IMPOS-TOR!?
...WHY!?
UWAAAAA~~~
BUT YOUR BLABBERING IS REALLY PISSING ME OFF!!
H-HIGH PRIEST!?
!?

YOU BETTER WATCH YOURSELVES!!
HIS "KI" IS OVER-SURGING
THIS WIND.. NO..

HIGH PRIEST!?
HA!

PLEASE CONTROL YOUR POWER
PLEASE CALM DOWN
HIGH PRIEST, IT'S ALREADY BEEN 10 MINUTES
C-CON-TROL, YOU SAY
AH?
IF I DON'T KNOW HOW
HOW CAN I DO THAT
Eh!?

LEA-SE
FORGIVE U-S
DOWA
YOU'LL DESTROY ICHIJOU'S RESIDENCE...
HIGH PRIEST A-AT THIS RATE
UU...
HIGH PRIEST!!

FULUTO!!
HA
GET AHOLD OF YOUR-SELF
MA
MAYU !?
OR THE FLO-WERS..
WILL ALL SCATTER INTO THE AIR

AAH
I HAVE TO
BE GENTLE
WITH THE FLOWERS
THAT'S RIGHT
FLOWERS
HAA
FUU
HIGH PRIEST!?
HAA

.....
WHAT ON EARTH WAS THAT!?
Haaaaaaaa
A-ARE YOU ALRIGHT!?
THIS PLACE IS A MESS
IN THIS SITUATION YOU SHOULDN'T SAY IT "THANKS" SHOULD BE "SORRY"
?
I..UMM.. DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE BUT.. UMM.. THANKS. MAYU..
WHO ON EARTH IS THIS GIRL..?

HONOR-ABLE HIGH PRIEST!!
BAM!
HANU-MAN..
..AND A WOLF-MAN?
Haa!?
FROM NOW ON, WE ARE YOUR FAITHFUL SERVANTS!!
WE BEG FOR YOUR FORGIVE-NESS
Kaaw
Uwaaa!!
Kyuu kyuu
UWA-A WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS..
Tsuzuku Jinsei o...
Story 4 / End
Ichijou Vision

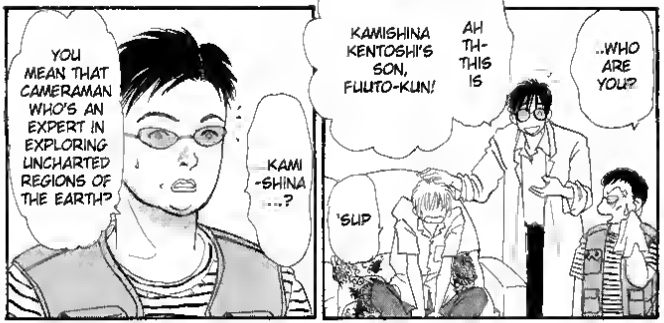
Story 5
Father and Child

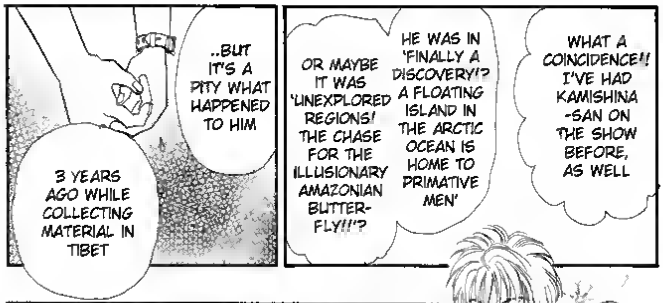
HONOR-ABLE HIGH PRIEST!!
PLEASE LET US STAY BY YOUR SIDE!!
LIKE I SAID, IT'S ANNOYING ENOUGH HAVING GARUDA. I CAN'T KEEP ALL OF YOU IN THE APARTMENT.
UMM— BY THE WAY—
FULITO -KUN.

日本一
Geaaaa
YOU LOOK JUST LIKE MOMO TAROU!
I'M NOT A DOG!! I'M A WOLF DAMMIT!
WHO WENT ON A QUEST TO ELIMINATE AN OGRE WITH HIS SERVANTS A PHEASANT A MONKEY AND A DOG
HE'S THE HERO OF A JAPANESE FAIRY TALE
WHO'S MOMO TAROU?

SHI-MADZU -SAN!
WHAT... WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON HERE...!?
ICHIJOU -SAN?
WOW
WE-WELL.. THE LOCAL WHIRLWIND DECIDED TO PAY US A VISIT
Haha
The Culprit
How shameful
His accomplices
SHIMADZU NORIO. 35 YEARS OLD. WORKS AS A DIRECTOR FOR TOUHOU TV STATION. THE CREATOR OF A B-RATE VARIETY SHOW WHICH HAS BEEN RUNNING FOR 13 CONSECUTIVE YEARS. A GRADUATE FROM N-UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY OF COMMERCIAL SCIENCE. HIS FAMILY CONSISTS OF-
TH-THAT'S ENOUGH, MAYU -DONO.
WHO'S HE?
THEN THE MATERIAL I ASKED FOR..?
AAH. THE ARTWORK WAREHOUSE IS UNDER-GROUND, SO THEY'RE FINE.

THIS YEAR I WAS HOPING IF THE DOCTOR, HIMSELF, COULD BE THE COMMENTATOR FOR THE SHOW. IT'S SURE TO BE A BIG HIT
But!!
EACH TIME, I BORROW SOME MATERIAL FROM ICHIJOU'S COLLECTION
AND IT'S THE USUAL TRADITION OF THAT B-RATE VARIETY SHOW TO HAVE IT'S SUMMER SPIRIT SPECIAL!!
HA HA HA
An replicate of O-Parts
Such as Phantom Sorella
NO WORRIES! ANY SIDE IS FINE WITH ME!! IT'LL STILL BE A SUPER HIT!!
W-WAIT.. GIMME TIME TO THINK..
EXACTLY! THIS YEAR'S PROJECT WILL BE A HEAD-ON BATTLE OF WITS BETWEEN A TEAM OF SPIRITUAL POWER SPECIALISTS AND A TEAM OF SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS
CO-COMMEN-TATOR!?
..YEAH YOU HEARD THE DOC. SLOW DOWN A BIT
..WELL.. I'M FROM THE SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENON SCHOOL OF THOUGHT I'LL BE HARD TO PLACE..
THEN HOW ABOUT JOINING.. THE SPIRITUAL POWER SPECIALISTS' TEAM!?


YOU MEAN THAT CAMERAMAN WHO'S AN EXPERT IN EXPLORING UNCHARTED REGIONS OF THE EARTH?
KAMI -SHINA ...?
KAMISHINA KENTOSHI'S SON, FUUTO-KUN!
AH TH- THIS IS
..WHO ARE YOU?
'SUP


..BUT IT'S A PITY WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM
3 YEARS AGO WHILE COLLECTING MATERIAL IN TIBET
OR MAYBE IT WAS 'UNEXPLORED REGIONS! THE CHASE FOR THE ILLUSIONARY AMAZONIAN BUTTER-FLY!!!'?
HE WAS IN 'FINALLY A DISCOVERY!'? A FLOATING ISLAND IN THE ARCTIC OCEAN IS HOME TO PRIMATIVE MEN'
WHAT A COINCIDENCE!! I'VE HAD KAMISHINA -SAN ON THE SHOW BEFORE, AS WELL

YOU'RE RIGHT
AH SORRY
THEY HAVEN'T FOUND HIS BODY YET, SO WE STILL CAN'T BE SURE
..NAH

MY FATHER..
HE ONLY TRAVELED TO JUNGLES, DESERTS AND OTHER SECLUDED REGIONS OF THE WORLD
HOWEVER, EVER SINCE THE TIME I WAS A CHILD, HE WAS ALWAYS GOING ON TRIPS TO COLLECT MATERIAL FOR HIS WORKS
SELFISHLY LEAVING ME AND MOM ALONE AT HOME--
KYOTO
WELL, I GUESS I WOULDN'T BE BORN IF HE DIDN'T MEET MY MOTHER AT THE FOOT OF THE HIMALAYAN MOUNTAINS
..YET..
TILL THIS DAY, MY MOTHER STILL BELIEVES
THAT HE'LL DEFINITELY COME HOME, AS PROMISED
.....
FUUTO -KU~N
HIGH PRIEST
.....

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..Huh?
THE IDOL MISAWA KURUMI WILL BE THERE TOO~♪
WHY DON'T YOU COME OVER TO SEE THE STUDIO
..AH.. I KNOW!
TUG TUG
W-WAIT A MINUTE.. I DON'T REALLY..
BUT FIRST YOU GOTTA GET ICHIJOU-SAN TO COME ON THE SHO~~W.. YOU KNOW YOU WANNA~~
WHAT'S AN IDOL!?
WHAT'S A TELLY-VISHUN!?
HOW WILL THEY BATTLE!?

DAMMIT! WHY THE HELL DO I HAVE TO BRING YOU GUYS ALONG!!
EVEN MAYU
ONCE NAAGA -SAMA FINDS OUT WE'VE BETRAYED HIM, HE'LL PROBABLY SEND OUT A NEW ASSASSIN
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? IT'S OUR DUTY AS CELESTIAL GUARDIAN BEASTS TO GUARD YOU
AND WHAT'S MORE
Hannaga

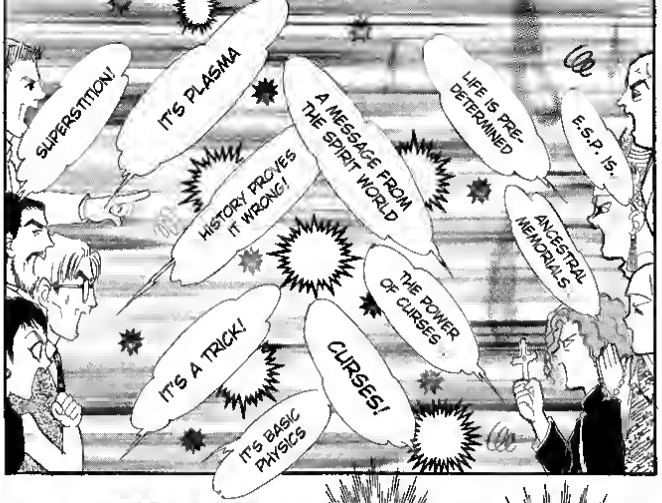
WE'VE GOT TO KEEP A CLOSE WATCH OVER HIM
SINCE FULITO CAN'T CONTROL HIS POWERS
Vu..
OUCH, THAT HURT..
THIS WAY, PLEASE
AH YOU MUST BE A 'SUPER ASSEMBLY FOR NERVOUS PETS!' PARTICIPANT
BU-BUT THEN.. THERE'S NO WAY THEY'D ALLOW GUYS LOOKING LIKE YOU INTO THE TV STATION
To normal eyes, I look like Momo Tarou
THEY ALLOWED US IN

UWAAA~~
LOOK AT ALL THE SHINY, TWINKLY LIGHTS
OH! DON'T WANDER OFF
HEYA FULITO -KUN! MAYU -CHAN!
yaaaan
I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO KURUMI-CHAN AFTER THE SHOW
YOU CAN WATCH FROM THE SPEC-TATOR SEATS
OKAY, LET'S START THE SHOW
IN FIVE.
FOUR. THREE.

ピカッ
ガシャガシャ
ガガガ…
HA
WHAT WAS THAT!?
AN ASSASSIN FROM OAKA-SHAA!?
HEY CHOW CHOW (DOG NAME)
THEY'RE FILMING
BE QUIET!
UHUUU~ SO IT'S A MACHINE

taddaaa
TONIGHT, WE BRING YOU THE CONCLUSION OF THE BATTLE ROYALE BETWEEN THE SPIRITUAL POWER SPECIALISTS CORP VERSUS THE SCIENTIFIC EXPERTS COOORP!!
WELCOME TO THE SPIRITUAL WORLD COLLO-SEUM!!
THIS IS DEFINITELY B-RATE
FIRST, LET'S BRING THE CONTEN-DORS ON STAGE
IN THE RED CORNER WE HAVE THE SPIRITUAL POWER SPECIALISTS TEAM!
THE SPIRIT PHOTO ANALYST, ANDRE KONISHI -SAN
CLAIR-VOYANCE EXPERT, SANBABA -SAN
SPIRITUAL MEDIATOR, ORIHIME -SAN
FOUNDER OF THE JYUGON (SORCERY RELATED) CULT, TOYOTOMI UDOU -SAN
13TH GENERATION DIVINATOR FROM THE TSUCHI MIKADO SECT, SEIJUN -SAN
AAAND IN THE OPPOSING BLUE CORNER
PHYSICS DOCTOR, HATANAKA SHINTAROU -SAN
THE NOTORIOUS SHARP TALKER, ISHIBASHI TAKERU -SAN
LEADING EXPERT IN CLASSIC MYSTERIES, MS. AKASHI HARUKA
AAAND
dap dap
dap dap
dap dap

AND LAST OF ALL THE PSYCHOLOGY EXPERT, DOCTOR OOGAWARA
WOOT!
AH! THE DOCTOR!
HI
THE MANIAC COLLECTOR AND FAMOUS "WALKING KOUJIEN" ICHIJOU KIMIHIKOSHI
I KNOW IT'S HIS FIRST TIME ON TV, BUT HE COULD HAVE MADE IT LOOK MORE IMPRESSIVE
AH! THAT GUY IS A REGULAR ON TV SHOWS IN HIS LINE OF WORK
OOGAWARA IWAO. 41 YEARS OLD. AN INSTRUCTOR AT THE K-MEDICAL UNIVERSITY. HIS MAIN PROFESSION IS A CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST
HE'S WRITTEN MANY PAPERS, EXPOSING ALL SORTS OF SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA SUCH AS GHOST SIGHTINGS AND SUPERNATURAL POWERS DOING SO, HE HAS ALSO PUT MANY SPIRITUAL POWER SPECIALISTS OUT OF BUSINESS BY EXPOSING THEIR HOAXES
THE NATURAL ENEMY OF THE TRADE, SO TO SPEAK
LET THE BATTLE BEGIN!


SUPERSTITION!
IT'S PLASMA
A MESSAGE FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD
LIFE IS PRE-DETERMINED
E.S.P. IS...
HISTORY PROVES IT WRONG!
ANCESTRAL MEMORIALS
THE POWER OF CURSES
IT'S A TRICK!
CURSES!
IT'S BASIC PHYSICS

SO? WHO'S WINNING!?
IT'S JUST A NORMAL QUARREL
...I THOUGHT THIS "BATTLE" WOULD BE FOUGHT WITH SWORDS AND SPEARS

THIS IS BETTER THAN WATCHING A COMEDY SHOW
VERSUS THE NITPICKING BIG-HEADED SCIENTISTS
THE SUSPICIOUS LOOKING SPIRITUAL SPECIALISTS WHO BABBLE WHATEVER CRAP COMES TO MIND

AHEM
ALLOW ME TO EXPRESS MY VIEWS FROM A PSYCHO-LOGICAL STANDPOINT
THE FORMS OF GHOSTS AND APPA-RITIONS
AND GHOST STORIES DERIVED FROM THE FEAR OF THE DARKNESS TEND TO BE BASED ON EXISTING INFORMATION
SUCH AS WHEN THE GHOST OF A DECEASED PERSON COMES BACK TO REPRIMAND SOMEONE FOR THEIR SINS. THIS OCCURS WHEN HE HAS GUILTY FEELINGS
AND HIS PERSE-CUTION COMPLEX GIVES RISE TO SUCH ILLU-SIONS
ON THE OTHER HAND, IT CAN ALSO HAPPEN FROM THE NOSTALGIA OF A DECEASED PERSON, SUCH AS THE SUBCONCIOUS DESIRE TO "MEET HER ONE MORE TIME"
CHANCE AND ILLUSIONS ARE THE CREATION OF PERSON'S OWN MIND FOR HIS OWN CONVENIENCE OF WHAT HE WANTS REALITY TO BE

DO NOT MOCK THE SPIRITS OF OUR ANCESTORS OR YOU SHALL BE CURSED FOR LIFE!!
NO! SPIRITS ARE REAL
CURSED ...!?
PEDDLING SUCH FRAUDULENT SCAMS IS A HUGE CRIME!!
SO WHAT!
YOU THREATEN PEOPLE WHO LACK FAITH WITH CURSES OF A MISERABLE LIFE OR PUNISHMENT FROM SOME BASELESS ORACLE
THEN PRETEND TO EXORCISE PEOPLE BUT POCKET THEIR OFFERINGS
PROFES-SOR OOGA-WARA
HEY! THE SHOW'S STRAYING FROM THE SCRIPT

WHAAAAP
WE-WELL.. I'M SURE THERE ARE MANY NEW, SUSPICIOUSLY FAKE RELIGIOUS SECTS BEING FORMED AROUND THE WORLD
OH
HA?
WH-WHAT'S YOUR OPINION DR. ICHIJOU? ON THAT MATTER.
BUT
EVEN IF YOU FIND THAT ONE OUT OF TEN GROUPS ARE SCAMS, YOU SHOULDN'T BE RASH AND ASSUME THAT THE REMAINING NINE ARE SCAMS, AS WELL
NO- RATHER, EVEN IF 99% ARE IMPOSTORS AND THERE IS ONLY ONE WHO IS "GENUINE"
IT ISN'T RIGHT FOR YOU TO SIMPLY LABEL THEM ALL AS IMPOSTORS AND CRUSH THEM
AS SCIENTISTS, DON'T WE ALL BELIEVE IN AT LEAST A ONE PERCENT LIKELIHOOD OF TRUTH IN A HUNDRED THEORIES?
AND DON'T WE ALL STRIVE, DAY AND NIGHT, TO INVESTIGATE AND WORK TOWARDS PROVING IT..?
UHO!
ICHIJOU -KUN! WHICH IDEOLOGY GROUP DO YOU COME FROM?
AH! WE-LL. HEHEHE

WELL THEN
SHOW ME SOME SOLID EVIDENCE
SPIRIT MEDIATOR, ORIHIME -SAN!
CALL UPON THE SPIRIT OF MY LATE GRAND-FATHER
EH?
OH! IT'S FINALLY LOOKING LIKE AN OCCULT SHOW
DIM THE LIGHTS!
GET THE FOG MACHINE RUN-NING
IF YOU CAN REVEAL A SECRET ONLY MY GRAND-FATHER AND I SHARED
THEN I WILL BELIEVE THAT SPIRITS EXIST
AL-ALRIGHT
!!

I hope you're still treasuring that German book I gave you during your university entrance celebration
PROFE-SSOR!? IS IT TRUE?
OOH
IS THIS THE SPIRIT OF PROFE-SSOR OOGA-WARA'S GRAND-FATHER!?
How are you? Have you been doing your homework?
Err..
Iwao... it's been a while...
PRO-PROFE-SSOR!?
Wa ha ha ha
WHA-..
CAUGHT IN YOUR OWN TRAP!
MY GRAND-FATHER ON BOTH MY FATHER'S AND MOTHER'S SIDE ARE ACTUALLY STILL ALIVE AND WELL
LOOKS LIKE YOU DIDN'T DO A GOOD BACK-GROUND CHECK ON ME!
OOOH

NAAAH
NO POINT. THAT GUY WILL THINK UP OF ANYTHING TO CALL IT A TRICK
DAMN RIGHT..
BUT HE'S KINDA IRRITATING
HMMMM~~~ THE BLUE TEAM SEEMS TO BE WINNING
YOU CAN SHOW THEM YOUR HEALING OR SEEING POWERS
BUT IT'D BE COOL IF THE HIGH PRIEST COULD DEMONSTRATE HIS POWERS
THEN
IF THEY WANT TO LIVE PEACE-FULLY
THEY SHOULDN'T STAND OUT AND GET KICKED OUT FROM SOCIETY
IN THIS COUNTRY, THERE IS A PAPER-THIN LINE BETWEEN ENVY AND JEALOUSY OF PEOPLE WHO POSSESS SPECIAL POWERS
PEOPLE WHO ARE DIFFERENT ARE ONLY SHUNNED ASIDE AND FEARED OF
THOSE PEOPLE ARE AFRAID TO ADMIT THAT PHENOMENA BEYOND THEIR COMPRE-HENSION EXIST

wa ha ha ha
PUT ON A COMMERCIAL!!
GYAAAA
HOWEVER
IT WASN'T MY CHOICE TO HAVE SUCH POWERS
d.
drawn on deep
I NEVER WANTED TO 'SEE' PEOPLE'S SADNESS AND SUFFERINGS
BUT
COME ON! GIVE ME DIVINE PUNISHMENT! I'M NOT AFRAID!
THERE'S NO SUCH THINGS AS SPIRITS!
BUT THEN
SSH!
HM? AN EARTHQUAKE?

I CAN DEFINITELY SEE IT
A DARK SHADOW BEHIND HIM--
KYAAAAA
WH-WHAT'S THAT SOUND!?

IS THIS PART OF THE SHOW!?
IT'S NOT IN THE SCRIPT
GRK KRK
IT'S A REAL EARTH-QUAAAAKE
Yaaaa
HA HIGH PRIEST!?
ARE YOU GONNA DO THAT AGAIN!?
FULITO !?
IT'S NOT MEEE!!
I'M STILL CALM!!
KYAA
CALM DOWN EVERY-ONE!
THAT POLTER-GEIST (GHOST) IS HIS DOING!
..HIS!?
CAN'T YOU SEE IT MAYU!?

THERE'S MORE PERSONAL DATA ON PROFESSOR OOGAWARA
THOUGH IT'S AN INFORMAL MATTER
?
LOOKS LIKE SHE'S IN ANGUISH
SHE'S GLARING AT PROFESSOR OOGAWARA WITH EYES FILLED WITH HATRED
THE PROFESSOR'S WIFE . OR RATHER, THE WOMAN HE COMMITTED ADULTRY WITH HAD A CHILD WHO DIED 8 YEARS AGO
THE BOY, WHO WAS 3 YEARS OLD AT THE TIME WAS SUFFERING FROM AN INCURABLE DISEASE, CAUSING THE MOTHER TO EMBRACE A NEW RELIGIOUS SECT
I GUESS THAT'S WHY
HE DESPISES ALL SPIRITUAL POWER USERS AND FOLLOWERS OF NEW CULTS--
THE WOMAN COMMIT-TED SUICIDE
DUE TO THOSE SUFFER-INGS
BUT HALF A YEAR LATER, THE CHILD EVENTUALLY DIED, LEAVING A HUGE, UNSETTLED DEBT

IS THAT THE GHOST OF HIS DECEASED LOVER--!?
EVEN NOW SHE STILL FEELS HATRED AGAINST THE PROF-FESSOR
DAMN! SHE SAW ME WATCHING!!
STO-..
HIGH PRIEST!?
GEH
GO AWAY!
DON'T COME NEAR!!

ふわ
KYAAA!
HE COL-LAPSED!
FUUTO !?
HIGH PRIEST!?
FUUTO -KUN!?

IS HE ILL!?
I'LL HAVE A LOOK AT HIM
SINCE I WAS ONCE A DOCTOR
HIS PULSE..
My dear
!?
..Iwao ..san..
!!

Noriko
dawn
Y-YOU ARE...
...IS HE POSSESSED BY A SPIRIT!?
ORIHIME -SAN, DID YOU DO THIS!?
EH!?
START FILMING!!
D-DON'T MESS WITH ME!! THIS IS JUST PART OF THE SHOW!
DID YOU DO A CHECK ON MY HISTORY!?
So you still don't believe..

will you still think I did detective work to check up on your history!?
Vu..
and play with your 16 floating rubber ducks in the bath
sing old Anime songs when you get drunk
you walk around the house with mis-matched socks
Well, if I say that
Today
I have something I want to tell you
HE REALLY DID THAT STUFF
N-no that never..
..okay..
..my dear..

I DON'T BELIEVE
IN A DEAD PERSON'S NON-SENSE!!
...IT'S ALL LIES!!
LIEEES!!
STOP!!
PUSH

whatever's convenient to you..
You only choose to see and hear
and tried to send all sorts of signals, you still ignored it all and acted like the dumbass you are
Even though I was always by your side...
GEEZ..
YES! LET YOUR FEELINGS FLOOOW!!
WHAT DID YOU WANT TO TELL THE PROFESSOR BEFORE!?
UMM NORIKO -SAN!?

You're still the same old skeptic

You're still misunderstanding the religious organization I was entering
and you even go so far as to criticize and hurt the feelings of other's who aren't even part of it
Please stop your foolishness
I'M SORRY!
But.. The most unforgivable act is..
PLEASE FORGIVE ME, NORIKO!!
Whu
Whu

I..I WAS TOO CAUGHT UP IN MY OWN RESEARCH AT THE TIME
THAT I NEVER REAL-IZED
THE CHILD'S ACCIDENT, OR YOUR PAINS
plink
IF I WAS MORE AWARE OF IT ALL
WE COULD ALL HAVE LIVED ON HAPPILY TOGETHER

The thing I can't forgive you for
!?
Is that you always put all the blame on yourself like this
d.
Our child and I don't hate you
It's nobody's fault that we died
That's what I wanted to tell you
..NORI-KO..?
That's why you must forgive yourself
d.

HA
NORIKO!!
dnk
Uwaa
NORI -KOO OO~~
FUJITO -KUN!?
Eh?
HIGH PRIEST!?
Eeeh!?

NORIKO~~ YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO HEAVEN SO SOO~~N
Come back to me
LOOKS LIKE OOGAWARA'S IN THE RED TEAM FROM NOW ON
WHEEE~~ THIS SHOW WILL BE A BIG HIT ♡
SO, ORIHIME, YOU MUST HAVE LED THE SPIRIT OF HIS DEAD WIFE INTO THE BOY!
EH!? WEE~~LL OHOHO..
*HE'S TRYING TO IMPLY THAT SPIRIT MEDIUM AND THE LIKE GET POSSESSED BY DIVINE FORCES AND CAN SUMMON SOULS OF THE DEAD
AH WELL..
ALL I WAS TOLD WAS THAT SHE WASN'T REALLY A SCARY GHOST AFTER ALL
ARE YOU ALRIGHT HIGH PRIEST!?
UU~~
I FEEL LIKE I'M GONNA PUKE
..WELL HE IS THE REAL HIGH PRIEST
THIS IS AMAZING! FUUTO-KUN'S FORMING HIS OWN RELIGIOUS SECT
YOU'RE GREAT! I DIDN'T KNOW YOUR POWERS ALSO INCLUDED SPIRITUALISM*
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